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***SPECIAL NOTICE TO MEMBERS.***

***Every member is requested to preserve this "Supplement," which contains matters specially referred to Divisions, until the subjects have been discussed by the Division to which he belongs. BY ORDER.***

# MATTERS REFERRED TO DIVISIONS.

## ANNUAL REPORT OF COUNCIL

TO BE PRESENTED TO THE

## Annual Representative Meeting,

TO BE HELD IN

## Caxton Hall, Caxton Street, Westminster, S.W.

ON

*JULY 24th, 1906, and following days (as may be necessary).*

### REPORT OF COUNCIL, 1905-6.

1. YOUR Council in submitting its report for the year 1905-6 congratulates the Association on its decision to hold the seventy-fourth annual meeting in Greater Britain.

Imagine with what pride your founder, Sir Charles Hastings, would look back to that memorable gathering at Worcester on July 19th, 1832, when, on his initiative, fifty gentlemen met and launched the British Medical Association on its eventful career. Contrast the position of 1832 and 1906! To-day, through its numerous Branches, the activity of your great Association has extended to practically every corner of the British Empire, and no member need feel he is too far removed to appeal for assistance when the honour of the medical profession is assailed. The membership of fifty enrolled at Worcester has swollen to close on 20,000, while a reserve has been built up of over one hundred thousand pounds.

The annual meeting at Montreal in 1897 was the first in the history of the Association to be held elsewhere than in the United Kingdom. So great a success attended this departure that your Council felt no hesitation in recommending the acceptance of the cordial invitation proffered from Toronto, so happily designated the Queen City of Canada, an important centre of learning, whose University holds the proud position of Premier University of the Dominion of Canada.

Judging by the large numbers who have intimated their intention of being present from the Old Country, the great interest aroused throughout the Dominion, and owing to the unselfish efforts of the Local Executive, the seventy-fourth annual meeting is assured of being one of the most memorable gatherings in the annals of the Association.

Your Council would urge every member to make a special effort to be present, as the expense and time involved will be found to compare not unfavourably with those incidental to a month's trip in Europe.

#### CHAIRMAN OF COUNCIL.

2. In succession to Mr. Andrew Clark, who completed his three years' service as Chairman of Council at Leicester, your Council elected Dr. H. W. Langley Browne, one of the representatives returned by the Birmingham Branch.

#### GOLD MEDAL OF MERIT.

3. Your Council awarded to Mr. Andrew Clark the Gold Medal of Merit of the Association in recognition of the special services rendered by him to your Association as

Treasurer, as Chairman of Council, and in many other offices, the presentation being made at Leicester.

DEATHS OF MEMBERS OF COUNCIL.

4. Since your Council last reported it has lost by death two old and valued colleagues in Mr. W. Jones Morris and Colonel Cresswell, C.B. Mr. Jones Morris had been a member of the Council without a break since 1885, and, by his regular attendance and unselfish labours on your Council and in the North Wales Branch, did much to advance the interests of your Association.

Colonel Cresswell also throughout his career was an active worker on behalf of your Association, and was as far back as 1872 a member of the old Committee of Council.

The Council has also to deplore the deaths of Dr. Robert Somerville, a former colleague and representative of the Border Counties Branch for a period of ten years; and Sir John Burdon-Sanderson, F.R.S., who rendered valued help to the Association, more especially in connexion with the Scientific Grants Committee.

DEATHS OF MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

5. Your Council regrets to have to record the deaths since April, 1905, of the following members of the Association: Dr. Thomas Rutherford Adams, Chairman of the Croydon Division; Dr. John Appleyard, Dr. Albert Henry Baines, Dr. Thomas John Barnardo, the well-known philanthropist; Mr. Edward Henry Beaman, Captain George Crofts Beamish, I.M.S., Dr. Reginald Bigg, Mr. Peter Percival Bradford, Dr. J. E. Brogden, Dr. Joseph Orpe Brookhouse, who was President of the Section of Pharmacology and Therapeutics at the Nottingham meeting in 1892; Sir John Burdon-Sanderson, Bart., M.D., F.R.S., Dr. Keith Campbell, Colonel James Charles Gordon Carmichael, M.D., Dr. Thomas Albert Carter, Mr. John Augustus Tatham Cartwright, Dr. Thomas Edmonston Charles, Mr. Joseph Collier, who held the office of Vice-President in the Section of Diseases of Children when the Association held its annual meeting in Manchester in 1903; Dr. Robert Patrick Connell; Mr. Jonathan Nelson Cregeen, Vice-President of the Lancashire and Cheshire Branch; Colonel Pearson Robert Cresswell, C.B., Dr. W. Clement Daniel, Dr. Joseph Everett Dutton, who lost his life in the Congo territory while actively engaged in the investigation of trypanosomiasis and tick fever; Dr. John Eaton, Sir Joseph Ewart, M.D., a former President of the Bengal Branch, and Vice-President of the Section of Medicine when the Association met at Brighton in 1886, also President of the Section of Public Medicine at the Carlisle meeting in 1896; Dr. Ernest Field, Surgeon Alexander William Flood, R.N., Dr. Henry Isaac Fotherby, Dr. John Francis Scott Fowler, for several years Honorary Secretary of the British Guiana Branch; Dr. William Frazer, The Hon. Otho Galgey, Dr. Richard Garnham, Dr. William Graham, Major Alexander Gibb Grant, I.M.S.(ret.), Mr. Angus John Grant, Dr. Joseph Greasley, Dr. Michael Hindmarsh Greener, Dr. Arthur David Griffiths, Dr. Herbert Tyrrell Griffiths, Dr. Jonathan Atkinson Harrison, Mr. Christopher Heath, a Past-President of the Royal College of Surgeons; Dr. John Highet, Mr. Charles Hooper, Chairman of the Aylesbury Division of the South Midland Branch; Dr. James Jamieson, Dr. Samuel Johnston, Mr. Philip William Jones, Mr. Thomas Charles Langdon, one of the founders of the Southern Branch, and a member of the Parliamentary Bills Committee; Mr. George Longbotham, Dr. Edward John Longton, Dr. George Lowson, Dr. W. C. Lucey, Dr. James Lynass, Mr. William MacGeagh, Dr. Jessie MacGregor, Dr. D. McMordie, Lieutenant-Colonel Eugene Valentine MacSwiney, M.D.; Mr. Henry Parr Mallam, Mr. William Turner, Dr. Hooper Masters, Dr. Farquhar Matheson, Mr. Alexander Matthew, Staff-Surgeon Alworth E. Merewether, R.N.; Mr. Thomas Moreton, Mr. W. Jones Morris, Mr. William Moxon, formerly President of the South Midland Branch; Lieutenant-Colonel Peter Mulvany, R.A.M.C.; Dr. James Murphy, a member of the Central Council at the time of his death, and formerly a member of the Parliamentary Bills Committee; Lieutenant-Colonel Kaikhoshro Sorabji Nariman, Colonel Bartholomew O'Brien, M.D., I.M.S., Dr. William Ogle, Dr. William O'Neill, Dr. John Edward Panton, Dr. Francis Henry Parsons, Dr. William Arthur Payne, Dr. Harry Campbell Pope, the first Chairman of the Kensington Division; Dr. Henry S. Purdon, Dr. John Robert Kealy, a past President and founder of the Southern Branch, and Vice-President of the Ethical Section at the Portsmouth meeting in 1899; Mr. John Abernethy Kingdon, Dr. James Rankin, Captain James Valentine Roche, R.A.M.C.; Dr. William Sheldon, Mr. Cyrus Walter Smith, Dr. George Daniel Smith, Lieutenant-Colonel Maurice Henry Smith, late I.M.S.; Dr. Robert Somerville, Surgeon-Captain William Carr Sprague, M.D., late I.M.S., at one time President of the Cambridge and Huntingdonshire Branch; Major Harold Arthur Stalkartt, M.B., R.A.M.C.; Dr. J. F. Stewart, Mr. George Stamp Taylor, Mr. Charles Robert Clarke Tichborne, Dr. Llewellyn Treharne, Inspector-General Alexander Turnbull, M.D., R.N., at one time a member of the Parliamentary Bills Committee; Major Wilfred Constant Vickers, M.B.; Captain James Waddell, R.A.M.C.; Dr. James G. Walker, Mr. James Wallwork, Dr. Edward Henry Warner, Mr. George Weller, Dr. William Augustus West, Lieutenant-Colonel Charles White, R.A.M.C.; Mr. Samuel Whitlow, Dr. David Wield, Honorary Secretary of the Queensland Branch; Dr. Thomas Duddington Wilson, Chairman of the South Edinburgh Division; Dr. W. Wingate-Saul, and Colonel William Owen Wolseley, R.A.M.C.

ROYAL HONOURS.

6. Your Council has had the pleasure of congratulating the Right Honourable Sir Walter Foster, M.P., who was Chairman of Council from 1884-6, on being sworn a member of His Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council; also Sir James Barr, Sir Thomas Chavasse, and Sir Arthur Chance on receiving the honour of knighthood.

DR. ROBERT FARQUHARSON.

7. Dr. Farquharson, who for reasons of health did not seek re-election this year, had been a member of Parliament since 1880, and at all times rendered valuable services to the Association as Chairman of the old Parliamentary Bills Committee, and by his work in the House in watching matters affecting the public health. Your Council takes this opportunity of placing on record its appreciation of the work done by Dr. Farquharson on behalf of the Association both in and out of Parliament.

MEDICAL BENEVOLENT INSTITUTIONS.

8. During the year 1905 the General Secretary received from members nearly £800 on behalf of the British Medical Benevolent Fund, the Royal Medical Benevolent College, Epsom, and the Irish Medical Benevolent Fund.

Your Council would again urge on all members the claims of these institutions, believing that it is only necessary for the Association to appreciate how much distress is alleviated through these funds for members to extend at once more general support.

If every member would subscribe a minimum of 5s. per annum the scope and usefulness of these institutions might be considerably extended, and a step made towards the attainment of the ideal that no deserving case need appeal in vain.

THE METROPOLITAN ASYLUMS BOARD.

9. The Council desires to place on record its high appreciation of the kindness of the Chairman and members of the Metropolitan Asylums Board during the past twelve months in placing their Board Room at the disposal of the Council for its meetings.

CLERICAL STAFF SUPERANNUATION FUND.

10. The scheme to provide superannuation allowances to members of your clerical staff on the attainment of 65 years of age, approved by the Representative Meeting at Leicester, came into operation on January 1st of the current year. All the members of the staff eligible to join the Fund have availed themselves of the advantages offered.

THE JOURNAL.

11. In the history of the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL during the past year the chief event has been the improvement in the type and general form, introduced in the first number of 1906.

The type and form of the JOURNAL had remained practically unaltered since 1867. During that period of nearly forty years great advances were made in the periodical press generally, and your Council felt that the JOURNAL

was at a disadvantage owing to the failure to improve its general appearance in accordance with the times. Your Council, therefore, having considered memorandums presented by the Editor and General Secretary, resolved to make material alterations. The column has been lengthened and clearer and larger type has been introduced. A coloured wrapper has been placed upon each issue, and opportunity has been taken to recognize the great services rendered by Sir Charles Hastings, founder of the Association, by introducing on the front page a medallion portrait, reproduced from the engraving by S. W. Reynolds after the oil painting by R. B. Faulkner presented to Sir Charles Hastings by the Association in 1839. These changes entailed a large amount of work and anxiety upon the officers concerned, and your Council takes this opportunity of congratulating them on the result of their labours.

In pursuance of the policy of publishing from time to time special numbers dealing fully with some particular subject of interest to the medical profession at large, the greater part of the issue of the JOURNAL dated June 3rd, 1905, was devoted to a series of articles on the medical profession abroad, in its educational, social, and economic aspects. The increased interest taken in the social and economic position of the profession in this country seemed to render opportune an attempt to bring together information with regard to the position held by the profession in other European countries, and the legislative and other regulations under which medical practice is carried on abroad. With the co-operation of contributors having special acquaintance with the conditions of medical practice in the chief European countries and British Colonies, it was found possible to collect a mass of information of no little interest to all medical men which it is believed will be found useful also in the discussion of the legislative proposals which the Association intends to put forward.

The proceedings of the annual meeting at Leicester were fully reported immediately after the conclusion of the meeting, and the task of reporting the proceedings of the Sections was concluded in November.

The increase in the amount of official or semi-official matter rendered necessary by the increase in the work of the Representative Meeting, Committees, and Branches of the Association induced your Council to sanction as from the beginning of 1905 the issue of a SUPPLEMENT weekly. The necessity for this change is shown by the fact that the number of pages in the SUPPLEMENT showed an increase as compared with 1904 of 82 per cent. (from 500 pages to 912), and as compared with 1903 of 197 per cent. The cost of the production of the SUPPLEMENT is a serious item, but a considerable expenditure under this head is inevitable if the members are to be kept fully informed of the political and economic activities of the Association.

### FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

12. Owing to heavy expenditure consequent upon the increased activity throughout the Association, your Council cannot submit so favourable a financial statement as for the year 1904.

The total revenue reached £50,100 and the expenditure £49,250, leaving, in comparison with former years, a narrow margin on the right side. The candle has been burnt at both ends: the receipts have diminished by close on £1,000, while the expenditure has increased by £3,250, with the result that the credit balance of £5,000 on a year's working, which of recent years has been the standard, shrinks to barely £900 for the year 1905. It is necessary to go back as far as the year 1878 to find a balance of income over expenditure falling below four figures.

In analysing the various heads of expenditure, it is gratifying to note that the Editorial Department, Abstract A, has entailed no increase of expenditure.

In Abstract B, the cost of printing the JOURNAL shows an increase of £135, and to this must be added, for comparison, approximately £250, a proportion of the cost of the fifty-third journal printed in 1904, as against 52 in the period under review. This increase is not unfavourable when it is appreciated that during 1905 there was published a supplement each week aggregating 912 pages while in 1904 there were only twenty-four supplements in all, with a total of 500 pages. All this has entailed considerable increase in composition, paper, machining, and handling generally. Further, in 1905 the average issue per week increased, and reached the grand total of close on 1,200,000 copies for the year. It is satisfactory to record that these JOURNALS, sent off to all parts of the world, reached members with strict regularity, it being the rarest thing for a subscriber to have to complain of non-delivery of any issue.

In Abstract C, the General Association Expenses, there is a marked increase of expenditure amounting to £1,100. The principal items which go to make up this amount are £200 for repairs and upkeep of your premises, due to the necessity of painting the outside fabric; £140 legal expenses, as a result of the Troutbeck inquiry, the proposed alterations to the Memorandum of Association, the Contract Practice inquiry, and other matters on which legal assistance was necessary; £120 for miscellaneous printing, consequent upon the considerable increase of printing for the work of the Association: £480 increase in the cost of producing and circulating the *Year Book*, consequent on the increased circulation and the addition of an alphabetical list of members, entailing a jump from 172 pages in 1904 to 408 pages in 1905; £80 in the office postage, due to the large increase of correspondence in the General Secretary's department and in that of the Medical Secretary, which is also reflected in the increase of £35 for stationery. The increase of £60 in Sundries is on account of the award of two gold medals of merit.

In Abstract D the salaries show an increase of £440; £190 of this is for the Assistant Medical Secretary, appointed at the close of 1904; £50 for the Medical Secretary; £150 for the Medical Secretary's staff; and £50 for the clerical staff in the General Secretary's office.

In Abstract E there is an increase of £700 in the collective expenses of the Representative Meeting, Council, and Committees generally. The railway fares of the representatives for the Leicester Meeting, however, were about £70 less—due, perhaps, to meeting at a convenient centre in the Midlands. There is an increase, roughly, of £100 for Council fares, owing to there having been an extra meeting in 1905. Of committees, two dropped out, whereby £20 was saved; but nine additional committees were appointed, entailing a new expenditure of £140. Of the committees also at work in 1904, the Committee of Chairmen cost £50 more; the Ethical, £40; the Hospitals, £70; the Journal and Finance, £85 (this Committee now meets a week before the Council, instead of on the same day, which entails separate railway fares). The Medico-Political Committee cost £200 more; the Organization, £45; the Premises and Library, £100 (owing to the frequent meetings in connexion with the proposed rebuilding scheme); while the Public Health cost £20 more, and the Scottish £13.

The Medical Defence Committee made its report to the 1905 meeting, and has not met since, and in consequence a saving of £70 is effected as compared with 1904, while about £50 was saved over the Royal Naval and Military Committee. In 1904 it held seven meetings, while last year it met only once.

Turning to Abstract F, the Library, except for £20 more spent on books, has cost the Association about the same as in previous years. Your Council is of opinion that it is only necessary to write off £100 for depreciation, as your Library now stands in your balance-sheet at the low figure of £2,200.

It will be observed in the revenue or profit and loss account your Council has written off £250 from plant and type which is valued for the close of the year at £1,250. It is not considered prudent to write this down lower, as in the event of a loss by fire the claim could only be put forward at its value in the balance-sheet.

Your Council has given serious attention to the investments of the Association, and on the grounds of sound finance has written all holdings down to the market prices prevalent on December 31st last. This has involved the sum of £780, but it is not unreasonable to anticipate, with the revival of trade all round and the increase of business looked for generally, but more especially by banks, that Bank of England stock, of which you are holders to the extent of £14,500, will enjoy a return to popular favour, with consequent appreciation of price, whereby the shrinkage provided in your balance-sheet will ultimately prove merely a prudent bookkeeping adjustment.

The item of £300 to the Office Staff Superannuation Fund would appear a new charge. This is not the case, as

# Balance Sheet 31st December, 1905.

Dr. Cr.

## LIABILITIES.

| | £ s. d. |
|---|---|
| To Subscriptions paid in advance | 379 10 7 |
| ,, Advertisements ditto | 724 2 8 |
| ,, Contributions | 717 8 6 |
| ,, Reporting | 51 19 6 |
| ,, Engraving | 71 11 8 |
| ,, Printing Journal | 496 2 0 |
| ,, Paper for Journal | 630 19 9 |
| ,, Miscellaneous Printing | 444 16 1 |
| ,, Stationery | 102 1 0 |
| ,, Repairs | 30 6 4 |
| ,, Legal Charges | 218 10 10 |
| ,, Rates and Taxes, Insurance and Electricity | 447 19 10 |
| ,, Plant and Type | 58 15 5 |
| ,, Editorial Expenses | 29 16 9 |
| ,, Sundries | 43 5 4 |
| ,, Library, Books, etc. | 34 17 8 |
| ,, Overdraft from Bankers | 3,624 10 9 |
| ,, Subscriptions due to Branches on December 31st, 1905 | 219 3 4 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES | 8,325 18 0 |
| **Surplus Account**— | |
| Balance on January 1st, 1905 ... 101,397 2 0 | |
| Balance of Income over Expenditure for 1905 brought from Revenue Account ... 862 1 5 | |
| ,, **Balance, being total of excess of Assets over Liabilities** | 102,259 3 5 |
| | £110,585 1 5 |

## ASSETS.

| | | £ s. d. |
|---|---|---|
| By Subscriptions—Amount due | | 1,740 19 0 |
| ,, Advertisements—Amount due | | 3,043 12 11 |
| ,, Sundry Sales—Amount due | | 150 10 11 |
| ,, Furniture and Fixtures | | 1,359 10 11 |
| ,, Library | | 2,237 5 3 |
| ,, Plant and Type | | 1,247 17 6 |
| ,, Accrued Rents | | 69 4 6 |
| ,, Freehold, 2 & 3, Harvey's Buildings, bought at Public Auction 1894 | | 4,640 0 0 |
| ,, Freehold of 429, Strand, 2, 3, 4 & 5, Agar Street at price paid 1898 | £79,000 0 0 | |
| ,, Redemption of Land Tax | 880 0 0 | |
| ,, Improvements by Alterations of General Office, 1903 | 1,500 0 0 | |
| | | 81,380 0 0 |
| INVESTMENTS— | | |
| ,, £3,200 Bank of England Stock @ 295 | 9,452 17 6 | |
| ,, £6,400 Midland Railway 2½ per cent. Perpetual Guaranteed Preferential Stock @ 77¾ bought February, 1905 | 5,026 1 6 | |
| | | 14,478 19 0 |
| ,, Cash at Office | | 17 18 1 |
| ,, Cash at Bank, being Branch Subscriptions in hand Dec. 31st, 1905 | | 219 3 4 |
| | | £110,585 1 5 |

(The above assets do not include the unexpended balances of Capitation Grants held by the various Branches.)

## *Revenue or Profit and Loss Account for Year ending 31st December, 1905.*

| | 1904. £ s. d. | 1905. £ s. d. |
|---|---|---|
| Editorial ... See *Abstract A* | 6,027 19 4 | 6,101 3 1 |
| Expenses of Printing Journal ... ,, *B* | 21,923 15 8 | 22,059 17 7 |
| General Association Expenses ... ,, *C* | 6,421 8 1 | 7,516 11 9 |
| Office Salaries and Wages ... ,, *D* | 4,349 5 5 | 4,791 2 8 |
| Representative Meeting, Council and Committee Expenses ... ,, *E* | 2,185 7 6 | 2,885 14 8 |
| Library ... ,, *F* | 257 4 4 | 257 7 10 |
| ,, Written off towards Depreciation | 250 0 0 | 100 0 0 |
| Plant and Type—Written off towards Depreciation | 500 0 0 | 250 0 0 |
| Capitation Grants to Branches | 3,389 11 9 | 3,459 14 8 |
| Amount written off Investments | — | 781 0 0 |
| ,, voted to Office Staff Superannuation Fund | — | 300 0 0 |
| Subscriptions:—Written off for Deaths, Arrears, &c. | 710 6 3 | 742 18 4 |
| | 46,014 18 4 | 49,245 10 7 |
| Balance of Income over Expenditure carried to Balance Sheet | 5,075 14 6 | 862 1 5 |
| | £51,090 12 10 | 50,107 12 0 |

| | 1904. £ s. d. | 1905. £ s. d. |
|---|---|---|
| Subscriptions | 24,584 6 4 | 24,755 0 10 |
| do. arrears of former years | 300 17 3 | 285 12 11 |
| Advertisements | 21,465 5 2 | 20,440 9 11 |
| Sundry Sales:—Journal | 2,262 16 11 | 2,204 8 5 |
| ,, ,, Reading and Binding Covers, &c. | 135 14 2 | 168 0 3 |
| ,, ,, Reprints | 108 1 6 | 118 6 0 |
| Interest on Investments and Rents | 1,120 2 9 | 1,138 6 10 |
| Returned Scientific Grants | 50 4 0 | 46 10 3 |
| Sale of Waste, &c. | 21 10 0 | 35 10 4 |
| Discounts on Printing, Paper, &c. | 913 12 4 | 915 6 3 |
| Amount unexpended on alterations as estimated for in accounts for 1903 | 128 2 5 | — |
| | £51,090 12 10 | £50,107 12 0 |

*Abstract A.*]

### EDITORIAL.

| | 1904. £ s. d. | 1905. £ s. d. |
|---|---|---|
| Salaries:—Editor | 1,000 0 0 | 1,000 0 0 |
| ,, Assistant Editor | 750 0 0 | 750 0 0 |
| ,, Sub-Editor | 200 0 0 | 250 0 0 |
| ,, Clerical Staff | 391 13 6 | 390 4 6 |
| Contributions | 2,920 0 5 | 2,962 17 9 |
| Reporting | 245 3 10 | 231 7 9 |
| Engraving | 287 16 5 | 239 2 0 |
| Legal Expenses | 27 11 2 | 12 17 8 |
| Postage | 78 11 3 | 78 12 6 |
| Analyses | 8 0 4 | 10 10 0 |
| Travelling Expenses, Papers, &c. | 114 5 9 | 170 16 11 |
| Cost of Journal Slips circulated to the Press | 4 16 8 | 4 14 0 |
| | £6,027 19 4 | £6,101 3 1 |

*Abstract B.*]

### EXPENSES OF PRINTING JOURNAL.

| | 1904. £ s. d. | 1905. £ s. d. |
|---|---|---|
| Compositors' Wages and Machining Journal | 8,797 13 7 | 8,808 17 1 |
| Paper for Journal | 8,861 13 3 | 8,985 14 3 |
| Postage for Dispatch of Journal | 3,931 19 0 | 3,902 8 10 |
| Address Bands for issuing Journal | 332 9 10 | 362 17 5 |
| | £21,923 15 8 | £22,059 17 7 |

*Abstract C.*] GENERAL ASSOCIATION EXPENSES.

| | 1904. £ s. d. | 1905. £ s. d. |
|---|---|---|
| Annual Meeting—Cost of *Daily Journal*, etc. ... | 189 13 0 | 200 19 0 |
| ,, ,, Expenses of Sections ... | 4 9 2 | 27 1 2 |
| Auditors' Fee ... ... ... ... | 105 0 0 | 105 0 0 |
| Bank Charges ... ... ... ... | 39 11 4 | 73 10 2 |
| Cleaning Offices ... ... ... ... | 161 4 6 | 167 16 6 |
| Coals and Coke ... ... ... ... | 53 0 6 | 58 16 0 |
| Compositors' Sick Fund ... ... ... | 10 10 0 | 10 10 0 |
| Donation to Charing Cross Hospital ... ... | 10 10 0 | 10 10 0 |
| General Repairs—Painting and General upkeep ... | 207 15 4 | 406 14 8 |
| Legal Expenses ... ... ... ... | 394 13 2 | 533 14 8 |
| Miscellaneous Printing ... ... ... | 559 2 5 | 678 5 11 |
| Year Book—Printing, &c. ... ... ... | 342 18 0 | 724 2 9 |
| ,, Postage... ... ... ... | 155 13 6 | 255 5 2 |
| Reports of Poor Law System Ireland (4,000) ... | 50 16 0 | — |
| Office—General Postage ... ... ... | 551 19 0 | 632 8 4 |
| Office Petty Cash ... ... ... ... | 125 16 5 | 151 5 7 |
| Pension, late General Secretary ... ... | 600 0 0 | 600 0 0 |
| Rates and Taxes, Insurance, Gas and Electric Light | 821 18 6 | 789 19 0 |
| Reporting Council and Finance Committee Meetings | 101 6 6 | 142 5 6 |
| Reprints ... ... ... ... ... | 75 2 11 | 103 6 6 |
| Research Scholarships ... ... ... | 650 0 0 | 600 0 0 |
| Scientific Grants ... ... ... ... | 350 0 0 | 353 0 0 |
| ,, ,, Special Grant Chloroform Committee | 100 0 0 | — |
| Stationery ... ... ... ... | 453 2 7 | 486 17 1 |
| Sundries ... ... ... ... ... | 122 9 1 | 187 13 0 |
| Travelling Expenses ... ... ... | 184 16 2 | 217 10 9 |
| | £6,421 8 1 | £7,516 11 9 |

*Abstract D.*] OFFICE SALARIES AND WAGES.

| | 1904. £ s. d. | 1905. £ s. d. |
|---|---|---|
| General Secretary ... ... ... | 800 0 0 | 800 0 0 |
| Assistant Secretary ... ... ... | 250 0 0 | 275 0 0 |
| Medical Secretary ... ... ... ... | 650 0 0 | 700 0 0 |
| Assistant Medical Secretary ... ... ... | 12 12 0 | 203 3 0 |
| Clerical Staff ... ... ... ... | 2,636 13 5 | 2,812 19 8 |
| | £4,349 5 5 | £4,791 2 8 |

*Abstract E.*]

REPRESENTATIVE MEETING, COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE EXPENSES.

| | 1904. £ s. d. | 1905. £ s. d. |
|---|---|---|
| ANNUAL REPRESENTATIVE MEETING—Railway Fares | 244 7 5 | 177 0 7 |
| Agenda and Minutes for Representative Meeting ... | 88 12 9 | 110 11 3 |
| COUNCIL—Railway Fares ... ... ... | 678 15 7 | 791 13 6 |
| COMMITTEES—Railway Fares, Printing, &c. :— | | |
| Annual Meeting Committee ... ... | 22 11 2 | 22 7 0 |
| Arrangement Committee ... ... ... | 8 12 0 | 14 2 7 |
| Chloroform Committee ... ... ... | 10 19 0 | 10 11 0 |
| Coat of Arms Committee ... ... ... | 4 2 3 | 2 2 0 |
| Colonial Committee ... ... ... | 20 9 2 | 16 5 0 |
| Committee on Alteration of Memorandum ... | — | 5 4 10 |
| Committee *re* Dental Section ... ... | 0 18 6 | — |
| Committee of Secretaries of Branches and Divisions ... ... ... ... | — | 23 13 5 |
| Committee on Standing Orders ... ... | — | 23 5 0 |
| Committee of Chairmen ... ... ... | 33 9 2 | 82 17 9 |
| Co-ordination Committee ... ... ... | — | 16 3 1 |
| Election Returns Committee ... ... | — | 5 10 3 |
| Ethical Committee ... ... ... | 76 19 4 | 119 0 1 |
| Hospitals Committee ... ... ... | 125 7 6 | 197 3 1 |
| Irish Committee ... ... ... ... | — | 14 10 9 |
| Journal and Finance Committee ... ... | 5 9 2 | 90 5 9 |
| Medical Defence Committee ... ... | 116 19 10 | 46 13 1 |
| Medical Secretary's Committee ... ... | 19 0 1 | — |
| Medico-Political Committee ... ... | 351 9 8 | 555 4 1 |
| Organization Committee ... ... ... | 173 3 0 | 217 9 2 |
| Premises and Library Committee ... ... | 21 1 10 | 123 2 2 |
| Public Health Committee ... ... ... | 76 11 5 | 96 11 8 |
| Royal Naval and Military Committee ... ... | 53 13 2 | 5 6 1 |
| Science Committee ... ... ... ... | — | 30 8 3 |
| Scientific Grants Committee ... ... | 35 12 2 | 32 15 11 |
| Scottish Committee ... ... ... | 17 3 4 | 30 10 11 |
| Superannuation Committee... ... ... | — | 0 18 6 |
| Therapeutic Committee ... ... ... | — | 24 7 11 |
| | £2,185 7 6 | £2,885 14 8 |

*Abstract F.*] LIBRARY.

| | £ s. d. | £ s. d. |
|---|---|---|
| To Balance ... ... ... ... ... ... | 2,198 6 3 | |
| ,, Purchase of Books ... ... ... ... ... | 109 16 0 | |
| ,, Binding Books ... ... ... ... ... | 29 3 0 | |
| ,, Librarian's Salary ... ... ... ... ... | 250 0 0 | |
| ,, Printing and Postage of Circulars and Insurance of Books ... | 7 7 10 | |
| | £2,594 13 1 | |
| By Librarian's Salary ... ... ... | | 250 0 0 |
| ,, Printing and Posting of Circulars and Insurance ... ... ... ... | | 7 7 10 |
| ,, Amount written off for Depreciation ... | | 100 0 0 |
| ,, Balance carried to Balance Sheet ... ... | | 2,237 5 3 |
| | | £2,594 13 1 |

# TRUST FUNDS.

## Stewart Fund.

*Investment of £579 4 per cent. Caledonian Railway Debenture Stock, in the name of the British Medical Association.*

| 1905. | | £ s. d. |
|---|---|---|
| Jan. 1. | To Balance brought over from 1904 ... ... | 34 11 1 |
| | ,, Interest ... ... ... ... ... | 22 3 3 |
| | | £56 14 4 |
| 1905. | | £ s. d. |
| July 25. | By Award—William Henry Power, C.B., F.R.C.S., F.R.S. | 42 0 0 |
| | ,, Mr. Stanley—Engrossing Certificate ... ... | 1 17 6 |
| Dec. 31. | ,, Balance ... ... ... ... ... | 12 16 10 |
| | | £56 14 4 |

## Middlemore Fund.

*Investment of £666 13s. 4d. 3 per cent. North British Railway Debenture Stock, in the name of the British Medical Association.*

| 1905. | | £ s. d. |
|---|---|---|
| Jan. 1. | To Balance brought over from 1904 ... ... | 75 19 5 |
| | ,, Interest ... ... ... ... ... | 19 0 0 |
| | | £94 19 5 |
| 1905. | | £ s. d. |
| Dec. 31. | By Balance carried down, being cash at Bank ... | 94 19 5 |
| | | £94 19 5 |

## Office Staff Superannuation Fund.

| 1905. | | £ s. d. |
|---|---|---|
| Jan. 1. | To Balance brought over from 1904 ... ... | 1,220 3 7 |
| | ,, Amount Voted from General Funds ... ... | 300 0 0 |
| | ,, Interest ... ... ... ... ... | 36 0 0 |
| | | £1,556 3 7 |
| 1905. | | £ s. d. |
| Dec. 31. | By Balance carried down— | |
| | ,, Investments at cost—£600 Cape of Good Hope 3 per cent. Stock, bought @ 92¾, Dec., 1902 ... ... | 558 1 0 |
| | ,, £100 Bank of England Stock, bought Dec., 1903 ... | 318 19 4 |
| | ,, £110 Bank of England Stock, bought @ 299½, Dec., 1904 ... ... ... ... ... | 330 10 3 |
| | ,, Cash at Bank ... ... ... ... | 348 13 0 |
| | | £1,556 3 7 |

*We certify, in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act, 1900, that all our requirements as Auditors have been complied with. Having examined the above Balance Sheet, dated 31st December, 1905, with the books and vouchers of the Association, and having inspected the Deeds of the properties, 429, Strand, 2, 3, 4 and 5, Agar Street, and 2 and 3, Harvey's Buildings deposited with your Bankers, and having verified the investments held on account of the Association and of the above Trust Funds, we report that the Balance Sheet is in our opinion properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the Association's affairs as shown by the books of the Association.* PRICE, WATERHOUSE & CO.

3, Frederick's Place, Old Jewry, E.C., March 24th, 1906.

a similar sum was voted in 1904, but deducted from the capital account; consequently the item did not appear under the Profit and Loss. Your auditors, however, consider that such an item should be shown under that head, as it is a charge that may appear for some years until the Fund has become self-supporting on a sound financial basis.

The amount written off against losses on subscriptions by deaths and arrears is practically the same as for the previous year, and results in a nett loss of but a fraction over 1 per cent. of the total membership.

### REVENUE.

Your Council is pleased to report that the revenue from subscriptions continues steadily progressive—a healthy and most satisfactory sign in an Association formed for mutual co-operation in the maintenance of the honour of the medical profession. The sum received is £25,000, or approximately half the total revenue.

### ADVERTISEMENTS.

The year 1905 has earned for itself the unenviable reputation of being one of the worst years on record for securing advertisements. The oldest and most influential papers have not escaped this cycle of bad trade, as is evidenced by the publication of the reports of those papers owned by joint stock companies. The *Illustrated London News* had to admit a shrinkage of £10,000 from this source, in spite of an expanding circulation, and it is hardly to be expected that the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL would be immune from similar influences. The contraction in receipts, as compared with 1904 amounts to £1,000, or about 5 per cent. In this connexion, however, it is satisfactory to be able to show that while there has been a shrinkage the total stated, £1,000, is more apparent than real. In 1904 you had fifty-three issues of the JOURNAL to earn £21,465, while in 1905 you had only fifty-two to earn £20,440. This alone would account for about £450. Further the special issue, generally published in December, was deferred until the first issue in the current year; but for this you would certainly have earned fully a further £250. The *Year Book* also suffered to some extent. It is generally recognized that it is difficult to keep a new publication at the level of a first number in the way of receipts from advertisements, but your Council is convinced that the *Year Book* will grow in favour with advertisers owing to the advantage of having an advertisement in a publication to which constant reference is made throughout the year.

When the foregoing facts are taken into consideration the Association must feel some sense of satisfaction that receipts from advertisements are not lower. At any rate, your Council is glad to report that in spite of the serious depression such care has been exercised in the accepting of business, that the large sum of £20,440 has been earned at the expense of bad debts amounting to only thirty shillings. Revenue from advertisements must always be an uncertain quantity and recognized as susceptible to trade fluctuations. A close study of the pages of the JOURNAL, however, will reveal an extraordinary diversity of interests advertised, which tends to minimize the risks of an irregular income from this source.

The sales of the JOURNAL have slightly diminished, but here again the 53 and 52 issues for the last two years would explain the difference. The interests on investments and rents show a small expansion. This item ought to have been more had all your house property been let during the year. It is difficult, however, to find suitable tenants unless a reasonably long lease can be offered: this has not been possible with the contingency of the whole of the houses in the Strand and Agar Street being needed for the erection of premises more in accordance with the increased requirements of the Association.

In conclusion, your Council reports that after providing for the additional expenditure resulting from the growing activity throughout the Association, by carrying the surplus of £862 for the year to capital account, you had on December 31st a balance of £102,259 of assets over liabilities.

### ESTIMATE OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR 1906.

13. Your Council submits the following estimate of the probable receipts and expenditure for the year ending December 31st, 1906, and for comparison the amounts actually expended and received during the year 1905:

*Expenditure.*

| | 1905. £ | s. | d. | 1906. £ | s. | d. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Editorial ... ... ... ... | 6,100 | 0 | 0 | 6,500 | 0 | 0 |
| Printing JOURNAL ... ... ... | 22,059 | 0 | 0 | 21,000 | 0 | 0 |
| General Association Expenses ... ... | 7,516 | 0 | 0 | 8,000 | 0 | 0 |
| Salaries and Wages ... ... ... | 4,791 | 0 | 0 | 5,000 | 0 | 0 |
| Representative Meeting, Council and Committees ... ... ... ... | 2,885 | 0 | 0 | 3,000 | 0 | 0 |
| Library ... ... ... ... | 357 | 0 | 0 | 500 | 0 | 0 |
| Depreciation of plant and type ... ... | 250 | 0 | 0 | 500 | 0 | 0 |
| Grants to Branches ... ... ... | 3,459 | 0 | 0 | 3,600 | 0 | 0 |
| Superannuation ... ... ... | 300 | 0 | 0 | 300 | 0 | 0 |
| Loss on subscriptions ... ... ... | 457 | 0 | 0 | 400 | 0 | 0 |
| | £48,174 | 0 | 0 | £48,800 | 0 | 0 |

*Income.*

| | £ | s. | d. | £ | s. | d. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Subscriptions ... ... ... ... | 24,755 | 0 | 0 | 24,900 | 0 | 0 |
| Advertisements... ... ... ... | 20,440 | 0 | 0 | 19,500 | 0 | 0 |
| Sales of JOURNAL, etc. ... ... ... | 2,450 | 0 | 0 | 2,500 | 0 | 0 |
| Investments and rents ... ... ... | 1,188 | 0 | 0 | 1,200 | 0 | 0 |
| Discounts on paper ... ... ... | 915 | 0 | 0 | 900 | 0 | 0 |
| | £49,738 | 0 | 0 | £49,000 | 0 | 0 |

### CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES.

14. Your Council would call special attention to the heavy work which has fallen on the Chairmen of the various Committees during the past twelve months, and would emphasize the heavy obligations your Association owes to these gentlemen. For some of the chairmen of central committees the amount of time and trouble involved to keep abreast of the steadily-increasing work entails no inconsiderable personal sacrifice. To give some idea of the remarkable increase in Committee work consequent upon the change of the constitution in 1902, it is interesting to note the striking expansion in the annual volume of minutes of Council, Committees, and Subcommittees. The volume for 1905 contains 1,136 pages, being an increase of 318 pages over 1904. The following are the figures of the last five years—namely, two years prior to the new constitution and the subsequent years:

| 1900 | 1901 | 1902 | 1903 | 1904 | 1905 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 386 pages | 430 pages | 470 pages | 593 pages | 818 pages | 1,136 pages |

## COMMITTEES.

### CHLOROFORM COMMITTEE.

15. This Committee has carried out the following work since its last report:

The work undertaken has been a continuation of that pursued during preceding years.

(*a*) Continuing the experiments performed by perfusing chloroform in various solutions through the tissues of the heart-muscle, skeletal muscle, and visceral muscle, the Committee has attempted to institute a comparison between these varieties of muscle, and has studied the effects of various concentrations of chloroform upon them respectively. It was found possible to establish a quantitative estimate of the susceptibility which these tissues present. The heart muscle is most susceptible, and voluntary muscle although evincing similar susceptibility to chloroform was far less profoundly affected, the dose of chloroform which produced marked depression and ultimate extinction of the heart beat when perfusing the heart caused no obvious depression in voluntary muscle. As in the case of the heart muscle, when chloroform was perfused in blood very much larger doses were tolerated by voluntary muscle than when the chloroform was presented in a medium of saline solution or other artificial circulating medium. Dealing with the effect of chloroform upon the blood vessels of the limb it was found that percentages of chloroform of the strength of 0.1 and 0.2 in equal parts of blood and saline caused a constriction of the vessels, which, however, was of brief duration. Higher percentages produced a dilatation consequent upon this initial constriction, and this persisted for a considerable time. When chloroform-free fluid was then perfused the outflow was at first lessened, and, coincidentally with this, the contraction of the voluntary muscles was found to be increased, and the converse. It thus appears that the difference of grade of susceptibility to chloroform of neuromuscular mechanisms in the body is very great. Further confirmatory experiments undertaken with the muscular wall of the intestine re-

vealed that that structure behaved towards chloroform similarly to other muscular structures, the effects differing in degree but not in kind.

The Committee further made a considerable number of observations upon the inspired and expired air of persons taking chloroform, with a view of ascertaining whether the anaesthetic is retained and what is the proportion of chloroform exhaled to that inhaled.

This part of the Committee's research, although reported upon in an appendix to its report to the Association, has not been advanced sufficiently far for any definite pronouncement to be made upon it. It is under investigation on different lines by different workers among the Committee, and their findings will be submitted to the Council in the next report of the Committee.

It may be pointed out that the work which has so far been done has demonstrated that the neuromuscular mechanisms of the body react regularly to dosage of chloroform, that that dosage is a question of conveyance and retention of the anaesthetic in certain tissues, and that the amount of chloroform inspired bears a relation to that in the expired air, and this is believed to be definite and conditioned by circumstances within the control of the administrator of the anaesthetic.

### Therapeutic Committee.

16. During the past year the Committee has investigated (1) the bactericidal action of a number of silver compounds —silver nitrate, silver fluoride, ammoniacal silver chloride, silver potassium cyanide, actol, itrol, argentol, ichthargan, argyrol, albargin, nargol, largin, novargan, protargol, argentamine, and argonin; (2) the influence of preservatives in antitoxic serums; and (3) the chemical composition of a new Argentine drug, which was found to contain a bitter principle, a volatile oil and sugar, but no alkaloid or glucoside.

A circular requesting clinical information regarding the value of the various silver compounds was sent to nearly 300 members of the profession, but owing to the small number of replies hitherto received the Committee is not yet in a position to report on this subject.

The Pharmacopoeial Subcommittee has had under consideration the drugs and preparations which might with advantage be deleted from the *British Pharmacopoeia*. Considerable progress has been made and the subcommittee is continuing its labours.

### Premises.

17. Last year your Council reported that it was carefully considering the whole question of providing proper and sufficient accommodation for all departments of the work of your Association; and with this idea the Premises and Library Committee has spent much time and trouble in arriving at a thoroughly comprehensive scheme.

With the existing buildings, the Association is not in the most favourable position for securing the best return on the capital invested. For a considerable time the accommodation necessary for efficiently carrying on the work of the Association has been inadequate, and, except for the General Office, the rooms available are small, badly arranged, and ill-ventilated.

Having regard to the commanding position of your premises, and the great value of freehold frontages on the Strand, your Council felt that it might be advantageous to sell this property and acquire a site elsewhere equally suitable for the business of your Association. Accordingly your Council applied to some of the leading land agents and others in London for suitable sites, and stipulated that no property could be entertained other than freehold. As evidence of the difficulty of securing freehold property in the centre of London, it is remarkable that, in spite of a very extensive search, nothing at all suitable was forthcoming.

Certain properties were available on a ninety-nine years' lease; but, on consulting Mr. J. Brougham Glasier, senior partner in the well-known firm of Messrs. Glasier and Sons, Valuers and Land Agents, your Council was advised that the purchase of such a site as an investment would not compare favourably with a plan to demolish and rebuild suitable offices on your present freehold site.

In face of this opinion, from so eminent an expert, your Council felt it had no alternative whereby the Association could be placed in a more favourable financial position so far as your property is concerned, and therefore decided to rebuild on a comprehensive scheme. In order to secure suitable plans for the rebuilding, your Council invited six architects to compete and submit proposals for the best means of dealing with the site, and in the adjudication on the plans submitted has had the assistance of an experienced architect as assessor.

On considering the question of rebuilding, it is estimated that to construct suitable offices and take full advantage of the site a capital outlay of from £35,000 to £40,000 will be involved. Although this would appear a large sum, your Council feels that by such an outlay your Association for many years to come will be provided with modern, suitable, and convenient premises for the housing of all departments of its work. Further, what is of no less importance, as a result of the rebuilding a net increase of rent from the ground floors of £2,400 per annum is anticipated, being a return of 6 per cent. on a capital outlay of £40,000.

The carrying out of the rebuilding will necessitate considerable disturbance and the finding of temporary offices elsewhere, but your Council will use every endeavour to minimize any inconvenience to members, and to push on the work with the utmost expedition. It is hoped that by July, 1907, your Association will be able to resume possession of 429, Strand.

### Colonial Committee.

18. This Committee has devoted much time to the consideration of ordinances governing medical practice in the Colonies, more especially Ceylon and the West Indies, where the Medical Acts have recently been under revision. The Committee continues to urge the importance of establishing Medical Registration in all His Majesty's Colonies and Dependencies. The Colonial Secretary has pointed out that he is unable to lay down any hard-and-fast regulations in this direction, as he must to a considerable extent be influenced by the views of local Legislatures, more especially in the smaller and less organized Colonies where there are difficulties of varying population and language.

A Special Subcommittee has been at work for the past two years with the view of establishing the principle of reciprocity of medical practice throughout the Empire, more especially in Australasia, and urging the expediency of registering only those medical qualifications which are registrable in the United Kingdom. Marked encouragement has been received through the Colonial Secretary from the Governors of the States in the Commonwealth; New South Wales, Western Australia, South Australia, and Tasmania, have formally expressed approval of the principle. Everything points to the efforts of the Association in this direction being successfully accomplished.

It is hoped that Australasia will follow the Ordinances of Ceylon and of the Medical Council of Cape Colony, whereby equal rights and advantages are given only to holders of British registrable Degrees, or to holders of Degrees from such Foreign Countries as admit those holding British registered Degrees to practise within their dominions.

Other interests of members resident in Greater Britain beyond the Seas have also from time to time received the careful consideration of the Committee.

### Medico-Political Committee.

19. The Medico-Political Committee has held six meetings since the Annual Representative Meeting at Leicester.

The minutes of the Committee which have been placed before your Council have contained the record of the consideration of many important questions, upon which the Medico-Political Committee will in the ordinary course report fully to the Representative Meeting. The present report is confined to an account of those matters which have been the subject of special resolutions of your Council.

In accordance with the instruction of the Annual Representative Meeting at Leicester, the resolutions of that meeting on the subject of contract practice and the reports presented by the Medico-Political Committee in relation to that subject have been circulated, not only through the Supplement to all members of the Association, but also to all practitioners in the United Kingdom who are not members.

The attention of the Medico-Political Committee having been drawn by a Division of the Association to the fact

that the Recommendations as to contract practice were being misunderstood as containing a recommendation by the Association that contract practice should be undertaken, the Committee decided to inform the Divisions that this was not the intention of the report, and your Council deemed it advisable that a communication to that effect should be included in the information sent to practitioners who are not members of the Association.

Your Council also approved the inclusion in the circular forwarding these recommendations of a report of the decisions of the Representative Meeting on other matters affecting the profession, and a paragraph drawing attention to the work which the Association is doing for the general good of the profession, and asking practitioners who are not members to join the Association. In response to this circular over 300 applications for membership of the Association have been received.

The attention of the Medico-Political Committee having been directed to the dangers to the community resulting from the increasing use in certain districts of diachylon for certain purposes, a special Subcommittee was appointed to investigate the matter, and as a result of their deliberations your Council, on the recommendation of the Medico-Political Committee, has taken the following action.

(*a*) Representations have been made to the Privy Council that it is advisable that diachylon should be included as a poison in the first part of the schedule to the Pharmacy Act.

It has also been recommended that the opportunity should be taken of the present consideration by Parliament of the Poisons and Pharmacy Bill, which provides, among other matters, for the revision of the schedule to the Pharmacy Act, to include diachylon in the revised schedule contained in that Bill.

(*b*) A communication has been addressed to newspapers which circulate in the districts chiefly affected, asking them to publish a public warning from the Association against this use of diachylon.

(*c*) The support of the Coroners' Society and of the Divisions of the Association is being sought with regard to this matter.

Pursuant to an instruction of the Annual Representative Meeting the Medico-Political Committee has appointed, with the approval of your Council, a special Lunacy Subcommittee, including experts specially qualified to advise on the subjects of the amendment of the Lunacy Laws, and also the amendment of the Inebriates Acts.

The principal subject considered as regards the amendment of the Lunacy Laws was that of the treatment of unconfirmed mental disease. In reference to this your Council has approved the recommendation that the general principles of the Scottish law on this subject in force since 1857 should be applied to England. Under this it would be possible for a case of unconfirmed mental disease to be placed under care and treatment for a period not exceeding six or nine months without being certified under the Lunacy Acts.

It has been decided to approach the Lord Chancellor on the subject, and the co-operation of the Medico-Psychological Association has been sought for this purpose. The full report of the Subcommittee on this matter will be placed before the Representative Meeting.

The Medico-Political Committee will also report fully on the proposals for amendment of the Inebriates Acts which were prepared by the Subcommittee.

The main principle underlying these proposals is that cases of inebriety, or of morphinism and similar drug habits, should be treated by a system of compulsory control analogous to that of the Lunacy Act, and that previous conviction under the criminal law should not be a condition necessary to make such control possible.

Your Council on the recommendation of the Committee proposes to make representations to the Home Secretary upon this subject, and has decided that the support of the Association shall be given to a Bill amending the Inebriates Acts as applying to Scotland based upon the principles above stated which is being promoted by the Glasgow Corporation.

Your Council has decided that members of the new Government should in due course be approached on several other important questions affecting the profession which from time to time have received the consideration of the Association.

In addition to the contemplated deputation to the Lord Chancellor on the subject of the amendment of the Lunacy Laws, it is proposed also to make representations to him with respect to the administration of the Coroners Law by the Coroner for South-West London.

It is proposed also to take advantage of the change in the Government to press forward the proposals as to the reorganization of the Local Government Board which were submitted by a deputation to Mr. Walter Long when President of that Board.

The Prime Minister will be asked to receive a deputation on this subject.

The Medico-Political Committee has carried out, so far as was practicable, the instruction of the Annual Representative Meeting with respect to bringing under the notice of candidates for Parliament questions affecting the medical profession, and circulating the replies to members of the profession in the several constituencies throughout the country.

Your Council, on the recommendation of the Medico-Political Committee, also gave instructions for the circulation to medical practitioners of information as to the past action with respect to medical questions of those candidates who were members of the last Parliament.

These instructions entailed considerable additional work on the Medical Secretary's department.

The Medico-Political Committee has reported to your Council that it is preparing a special report on this matter.

### CENTRAL ETHICAL COMMITTEE.

20. The Central Ethical Committee has held five meetings and has been called upon to decide, or to advise upon, a greater number of questions of professional conduct than in any previous year, both questions of a general character and as affecting individual members of the profession.

The Committee will in due course present its annual report to the Representative Meeting, and your Council reports only upon those matters which have been the subject of special resolutions of the Council.

Upon the advice of the Central Ethical Committee your Council has approved the adoption by several Divisions and Branches of rules as to procedure in ethical cases, and of rules for the regulation of the professional conduct of the members of those bodies. The rules as to professional conduct in respect of appointments which were placed before the Annual Representative Meeting at Leicester by the Central Ethical Committee in its annual report, have been found suitable for the requirements of several Divisions and have been adopted by them with the approval of your Council. An important modification of the rule as to the adoption of such resolutions has been introduced by the Portsmouth Division, namely, that if a certain proportion of the members of the Division are not present at the meeting at which any resolution affecting the terms upon which appointments should be held is carried, the resolution shall be referred to a vote of the members of the Division taken through the post.

The Central Ethical Committee has been called upon to advise the Council on several questions affecting the insertion of advertisements in the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL, and advertisements have been refused which in the opinion of the Central Ethical Committee contained unduly commendatory references to individuals, or undue claims as regards methods of treatment. In particular, advertisements relating to Homes for the treatment of inebriety have been refused which appeared to contain claims to the possession of special methods of treatment not generally made known.

The warning notice as to appointments which is published in the advertisement columns of the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL, under the supervision of the Central Ethical Committee, has been found increasingly useful to the Association and the profession. The Central Ethical Committee has been unable to advise your Council to relax, as requested in some cases, the rule originally approved with respect to the insertion of these notices—namely, that the Medical Secretary must only insert a notice in this column upon the application, or with the concurrence, of the Honorary Secretary of the Division or Branch of the Association concerned, and that the name given as that of the person to whom applications for information should be addressed must in all cases be that of the Honorary Secretary who makes or authorizes the application. Inasmuch as this

notice is inserted upon the responsibility of the Council of the British Medical Association, your Council concurs in the opinion of the Central Ethical Committee that the Council should be able to rely in every case upon a local officer of the Association for advice as to the propriety of the insertion of the notice. With a view to extending the usefulness of the notice to the members of the medical profession who may not see the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL, your Council has directed that the medical schools throughout the country be requested to place this notice weekly upon their notice boards.

The question having arisen for consideration as to the advisability of the Central Ethical Committee dealing with cases which have not been previously referred for investigation by Divisions of the Association, your Council has approved a standing resolution whereby cases in which any question of fact appears to be in dispute will always be referred for primary investigation to the respective Division.

The effect of this resolution will be that issues of fact will only be tried by the Central Ethical Committee upon appeals from decisions of Divisions or Branches, or in cases where Branches propose the expulsion of members.

To facilitate the satisfactory investigation of such cases your Council has authorized the payment of the travelling expenses of those who may attend at the request of the Central Ethical Committee to give evidence.

### ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE.

21. The most important matter engaging the attention of the Organization Committee during the year, apart from its ordinary routine work, has been that of the proposed application for a Royal Charter. Your Council received from the Annual Representative Meeting the following instructions:

*Minute 50.*

"That the Representative Meeting issue the necessary authority for application on behalf of the Association to be made to the Privy Council praying His Majesty to grant a Royal Charter of Incorporation to the Association."

*Minute 54.*

"That the Central Council be instructed to submit the draft of the application for a Royal Charter to the Divisions as soon as possible, with an estimate of the probable cost and with an explanatory memorandum."

*Minute 239.*

"That it be an instruction to the Council, in drafting the new regulations in connexion with the application for a Charter, to provide for the transference of all financial business from the General to the Representative Meeting of the Association."

*Minute 240.*

"That it be an instruction to the Council, in drafting new regulations in connexion with the application for a Charter, to provide for the constitution of a Finance Committee separate from the Committee which deals with the JOURNAL."

In accordance with the standing order of the Council that the Organization Committee should deal with all matters affecting the regulations of the Association and standing orders, the foregoing resolutions of the Representative Meeting were referred to that Committee. After most careful consideration by the Committee, in conjunction with the Officers and the Solicitor of the Association, and with Counsel (Mr. T. R. Colquhoun Dill, who was specially engaged for this matter), a draft Charter, ordinances, and by-laws have been prepared, as well as an explanatory memorandum and estimate of cost, as directed by the Representative Meeting, and have been issued for the consideration of the Divisions.

The work of preparation of these documents was carried out in the office of the Medical Secretary, as Secretary of the Organization Committee, and has occupied much of the time of the staff of that department during the winter.

The following instructions of the Representative Meeting to your Council were also referred to the Organization Committee in order that draft by-laws might be prepared as directed:

*Representation of Representative Meeting on Council, and Grants to Branches and Divisions.*

*Minute 185.*

"That the Representative Meeting be given power to elect not less than four nor more than six members of the Central Council."

*Minutes 194-5.*

"That in the opinion of the Representative Meeting, it is desirable that the Council, having made due provision for the expenditure necessary to carry out other objects of the Association, should have power to make from time to time grants from the central funds to such Branches or Divisions, and of such amounts as the Council may think proper, having regard to the evidences of work done, and to the amount of local subscription for any purpose for which a supplementary grant may be given, the Council to be advised by the Organization Committee as to the distribution of the amount available; and that the Council be instructed at the first opportunity to bring before the Representative Meeting such alterations of the by-laws as may be necessary to give effect to this resolution."

*Minute 197.* (Rider added.)

"That the applications for money by Divisions be in the first place made to the Branch Councils and forwarded by them with remarks thereon for the consideration of the Council."

Draft by-laws have accordingly been prepared by the Committee, and these having been approved by your Council as appearing to fulfil the intention of the Representative Meeting at Leicester, are now submitted for the consideration of the Annual Representative Meeting in London.

Upon consideration of the draft by-law as to the election of members of Council by the Annual Representative Meeting, the Organization Committee reported to your Council that it appeared desirable that some limit of time should be assigned to the continuous service of members of Council so elected, such as is assigned by the by-laws to the period of service of members of Council elected by the Branches and those co-opted by the Council. This recommendation having been approved by your Council, a draft by-law has accordingly been prepared and is submitted for the consideration of the Annual Representative Meeting.

Your Council further referred to the Organization Committee the following resolution of the Representative Meeting:

*Minute 192.*

"That, with a view to furthering the organization of the medical profession, the Council be asked to consider the advisability of providing a scheme for the affiliation of local medical societies with the British Medical Association."

And your Council reports its concurrence in the following recommendation of the Committee:

"That in the opinion of the Committee the only form of affiliation compatible with the constitution of the Association is that the local Society should be merged in the Association, and that, having regard to the variety of local conditions, no general scheme for this purpose can be formulated, and that the Council be recommended so to report to the Representative Meeting."

The Organization Committee has also had under consideration instructions of the Annual Representative Meeting at Leicester to that Committee as follows:

On consideration of the motion—

*Minute 143.*

Moved: "That in By-law 23, for '600' be read '300.'"

*Minute 144.*

Resolved: "That the resolution of the Wandsworth Division be remitted to the Organization Committee for consideration of the principle that it is undesirable to increase the membership of the executive body of the Association."

With reference to the resolution of the Representative Meeting contained in Minute 144 the Committee reports that it is inexpedient to increase the size of the Council, and that, having regard to the addition of members to be elected by the Representative Meeting, it is inadvisable

that the number of Branch representatives should be increased.

The Annual Representative Meeting at Leicester postponed (Minute 136) consideration of a proposed resolution (Minute 134) as follows:

> "Except for the purpose of winding up, the Association shall not have power to call for the return to its general funds of any surplus accruing from the grants to Branches under By-law 16 until the Organization Committee should have reported to the Central Council upon Branch and Division expenditure."

The Organization Committee has made careful inquiry from the Branches and Divisions throughout the country as to their views upon this subject, and the replies have been collated. It is hoped that a complete report on the subject will be available for the Annual Representative Meeting.

The Organization Committee, in pursuance of its ordinary duties, has considered and reported to your Council upon Rules submitted by 4 Branches and 3 Divisions, and these have all been approved except in cases in which it appeared to the Organization Committee that the proposed Rules conflicted with the letter or spirit of the Articles and By-laws of the Association.

Adjustments of boundaries have been effected by your Council upon the recommendation of the Committee, or by the Committee itself under the standing authority conferred upon it by the Council to deal with cases in which there was entire local agreement.

In each case the modification of existing boundaries was considered at the request of the members of the Association directly concerned, and was carried through with the concurrence of the Divisions and Branches affected.

Your Council has approved the formation of two new Branches outside the United Kingdom, namely, the Egyptian Branch and the Saskatchewan Branch.

Your Council has carefully considered the most convenient grouping of Divisions and Branches for representation in the Representative Meeting and in the Central Council respectively. Attention having been drawn last year to the inconvenience resulting to some Colonial Branches from the fact that their grouping was only decided by your Council at the same time as that of the Home Branches, the matter was taken into consideration as affecting the Colonial Branches at the January meeting of the Council, and the decisions of your Council communicated to the Colonial Branches. Representations have again been made by certain Home Branches as to the inconvenience resulting from grouping with other Branches for representation on the Council, particularly in cases in which Branches having over 200 members have to be grouped in order to provide for the representation of neighbouring Branches having fewer than 200 members. Your Council, having regard to the terms of By-law 23, has been unable to depart from the principles originally laid down in this matter.

Your Council has received periodically from the Organization Committee reports of visits paid by the Medical Secretary to various Divisions and Branches, including both visits made by instruction of that Committee with the object of increasing the membership and strengthening the organization of the Association, and those made by direction of other Committees for the purpose of giving assistance in local difficulties affecting the interests of the profession, or in the investigation of ethical cases.

Repeated testimony has been received from the Branches and Divisions to which such visits have been paid as to the value of the work thus done in furtherance of the interests of the medical profession, in inducing medical practitioners who are not already members of the Association to join, and in awakening or increasing the interest of members in the work of the Association.

### PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

22. The Public Health Committee has met four times since the last annual meeting, and has considered important questions affecting the public health service of the country generally, and also questions of defence of individual officers in cases of disputes as to terms of appointment.

The Public Health (Security of Tenure of Officers) Bill was the subject of a special instruction from the Annual Representative Meeting to your Council (Minute 41), and every effort has been made to prepare the way for the favourable consideration of the Bill by Parliament. As the result of representations made through the Chairman of the Public Health Committee, the late President of the Local Government Board (Mr. Gerald Balfour) received a deputation from the British Medical Association, the Incorporated Society of Medical Officers of Health, and the Sanitary Inspectors' Association on the subject of this Bill. Mr. Balfour expressed the sympathy of the Local Government Board with the general objects of the Bill, but indicated certain difficulties which might prevent the Board from approving it in its present form.

The Public Health Committee has carefully considered these difficulties, and to what extent it might be possible for the Association to modify the Bill in order to meet the views of the Board. It has been decided to seek the first favourable opportunity of bringing the matter before the present President of the Local Government Board.

On the recommendation of the Public Health and Medico-Political Committees, your Council has appointed a special Committee to collect evidence to be submitted on behalf of the British Medical Association to the Royal Commission on the Poor Law. Questions drawn up by the Committee are now being circulated to those who are believed to be in a position to give information of value, and the replies will be carefully collated and evidence thereon submitted to the Royal Commission.

The attention of the Public Health Committee has been drawn to the practice of some medical practitioners who are members of public bodies giving expert advice in order to enable such bodies to avoid the necessity of appointing expert officers. The Ethical Committee has been requested to consider the matter, and it will be the subject of a recommendation to the Annual Representative Meeting from that Committee.

### HOSPITALS COMMITTEE.

23. The Hospitals Committee has met three times since the last annual meeting of the Association, in addition to holding two Conferences with non-medical representatives of the governing bodies of hospitals, appointed at the Conference held in March, 1905.

The conclusions of the Committee on various points considered subsequently to the Conference of 1905, namely, cottage hospitals, pay wards, and the relation of hospitals to provident dispensaries, public medical services, and the Poor Law, were reviewed by the Committee, and submitted with the findings of the Conference of March for the consideration of the Joint Committee. Having been amended in various respects to meet the views of the non-medical members of the Joint Committee, these were forwarded to your Council with a recommendation that they should be issued for the consideration of the governing bodies of all hospitals in the United Kingdom, together with a Memorandum explaining the circumstances in which they were so presented.

The Hospitals Committee has also considered the following resolution of the Annual Representative Meeting at Leicester:

> That it is inadvisable that this meeting should pass a resolution on the general principle of hospital out-patient departments before that principle has been submitted to the Divisions, and this meeting hereby decides that the question be remitted through the Hospitals Committee to the Divisions.

This resolution has been placed before the Divisions, together with all the resolutions of the Hospitals Committee, in order that the Divisions might be placed in a position to consider the question of out-patient departments in its relation to the various other questions affecting the government of hospitals which had come before the Committee.

### APPORTIONMENT OF A MEMBER'S ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION.

24. Your Council submits a Schedule as follows, showing how a member's subscription of 25s. per annum is apportioned for defraying the expenses of the Association during the past year:

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| General Association expenses, Representative Meeting, Council, Committees, Library, salaries, and wages ... | £15,549 | ..... | 13.67 |
| Capitation to Branches ... ... ... ... | 3,459 | ..... | 4.0 |
| Type and plant depreciation ... ... ... | 250 | ..... | 0.2 |
| Written off investments... ... ... ... | 781 | ..... | 0.8 |
| Clerical staff superannuation... ... ... | 300 | ..... | 0.25 |
| Written off subscriptions ... ... ... | 742 | ..... | 0.63 |
| Carried to capital account ... ... ... | 912 | ..... | 0.85 |
| Net cost of printing JOURNAL, postage, editorial, etc., after deducting receipts for advertisements, sales, etc. ... ... | 5,230 | ..... | 4.6 |
| | 27,223 | | |
| Receipts from advertisements, sales of JOURNAL, etc. ... ... ... ... ... | 22,930 | | |
| | £50,153 | ..... | 25.0 |

CLERICAL STAFF.

25. Your Council is aware that the success and activity of the Association is to no small extent dependent on the loyal and enthusiastic co-operation of the clerical staff at head quarters; and it takes this opportunity of placing on record its sincere appreciation of the valuable assistance rendered to your Association by the Editor, the General Secretary and Manager, the Medical Secretary, and the whole of the staff throughout the past twelve months.

AUDITORS.

26. Your auditors, Messrs. Price, Waterhouse and Co., have again examined and audited your books during the year 1905, and under Article XXIII (*a*) and in accordance with the Companies Act, 1900, they are eligible and seek re-election.

H. W. LANGLEY BROWNE,
*Chairman of Council.*

## NOTICES OF MOTION.

**THE following notices of motion have been received for discussion by the Annual Representative Meeting of the Association to be held at London, July 24th, 1906, and following days.**

[*Notices previously received were published in the* SUPPLEMENT *of February 10th, page 45; February 24th, page 62; March 3rd, page 78; March 31st, page 141; and April 21st, page 181.*]

ADMINISTRATION OF THE ASSOCIATION LIBRARY.

**Circulating Medical Library.**

By the GATESHEAD DIVISION (North of England Branch):

That the Council of the Association be requested to take into consideration the feasibility of adding to the other attractions of the Association a Circulating Medical Library, and report to the Divisions in time for a decision to be taken at the next Representative Meeting.

By Direction of the Chairman of Representative Meetings.

J. SMITH WHITAKER, *Medical Secretary.*

April 26th.

## 1906 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

**The Annual General Meeting of the British Medical Association will be held in the Caxton Hall, Caxton Street, Victoria Street, London, S.W., on Tuesday, July 24th at 10 o'clock in the forenoon.**

*BY ORDER OF THE COUNCIL,*

GUY ELLISTON, *General Secretary.*

April 13th, 1906.

# ASSOCIATION INTELLIGENCE.

## PROCEEDINGS OF COUNCIL.

AT a meeting of the Council held, by kind permission of the Metropolitan Asylums Board, London, in their Board Room, on Wednesday, April 18th, 1906, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

*Present:*

Dr. H. W. LANGLEY BROWNE, Chairman of Council, in the Chair.

G. C. FRANKLIN, F.R.C.S., Leicester, President.

Sir VICTOR HORSLEY, F.R.S., Chairman of Representative Meetings.

Dr. JOHN FORD ANDERSON, London.
Dr. T. R. BRADSHAW, Liverpool.
Dr. R. COCHRANE BUIST, Dundee.
Dr. W. A. CARLINE, Lincoln.
Mr. ANDREW CLARK, London.
Dr. JAMES CRAIG, Dublin.
Mr. E. J. DOMVILLE, Exeter.
Mr. GEORGE EASTES, M.B., London.
Professor DAVID W. FINLAY, M.D., LL.D., Aberdeen.
Dr. H. A. FRANCIS (Brisbane and Queensland Branch), London.
Dr. JOHN H. GALTON, Upper Norwood.
Dr. JOSEPH J. GIUSANI, Cork
Dr. BRUCE GOFF, Bothwell.
Dr. DAVID GOYDER, Bradford.
Dr. J. GROVES, Carisbrooke.
Dr. JAMES HAMILTON, Glasgow.
Dr. T. ARTHUR HELME, Manchester.
Mr. R. H. KINSEY, Bedford.
Dr. C. G. DRUMMOND MORIER (South Australian Branch), London.
Professor J. T. J. MORRISON, M.B., Birmingham.
Professor WILLIAM OSLER, M.D., F.R.S., Oxford.
Mr. C. H. W. PARKINSON, Wimborne Minster.
Dr. FRANK M. POPE, Leicester.
Dr. EDWIN RAYNER, Stockport.
Mr. H. JONES ROBERTS, Penygroes.
Mr. H. BETHAM ROBINSON, M.S., London.
Mr. GEORGE ROWELL, F.R.C.S., London.
Dr. CECIL E. SHAW, Belfast.
Dr. E. MARKHAM SKERRITT, Clifton, Bristol.
Professor W. R. SMITH, M.D. (Malta and Mediterranean Branch), London.
Mr. C. R. STRATON, Salisbury.
Dr. G. E. TWYNAM (Sydney and New South Wales Branch), London.
Mr. T. JENNER VERRALL, Brighton.
Dr. NORMAN WALKER, Edinburgh.
Dr. ARTHUR T. WEAR, Newcastle-on-Tyne.
Lieutenant-Colonel E. M. WILSON, C.B., Farnborough.

The minutes of the last meeting (March 14th, 1906) having been printed and circulated and no objections received were taken as read and signed as correct.

Read letters of apology for non-attendance from the Treasurer, Dr. E. G. Barnes, Dr. J. Brassey Brierley, Colonel D. Bruce, C.B., F.R.S., Dr. D. Burgess, Dr. G. W. Crowe, Dr. T. D. Griffiths, Dr. R. McKenzie Johnston, Dr. James Murray, Mr. Edmund Owen, Dr. J. Maxwell Ross, Professor Saundby, Mr. W. D. Spanton, Mr. J. Lynn Thomas, C.B., and Dr. W. J. Tyson.

The CHAIRMAN OF COUNCIL reported the resignation of Dr. M. Beverley as a representative of the East Anglian Branch on the Central Council.

Moved by the CHAIRMAN OF COUNCIL, seconded by Dr. MARKHAM SKERRITT, and

Resolved: That this Council learns with regret that Dr. Beverley, who has so ably represented the East Anglian Branch for a number of years on the Central Council, resigns his seat, and desires to place on record its high appreciation of his services, more especially as Chairman of the Hospitals Committee.

Moved by Mr. ANDREW CLARK, seconded by Colonel WILSON, and

Resolved: That the Volunteer Medical Service Committee consist of: The President and Chairman of Council, *ex officio*, Colonel G. T. Beatson, C.B., V.D., Surgeon-Colonel W. H. Bull, V.D., Surgeon-Colonel Andrew Clark, V.D., Surgeon-Colonel G. S. Elliston, V.D., Surgeon-Captain W. N. Evans, Surgeon-Colonel P. B. Giles, V.D., Captain J. McK. Harrison, Lieutenant-Colonel Valentine Matthews, V.D., Surgeon-Major J. Munro Moir, Captain E. C. Montgomery Smith, Major C. P. Oliver, Surgeon-Captain W. Pemberton Peake, Captain H. Robinson, Captain Wm. Sheen, Lieutenant-Colonel R. R. Sleman, V.D., Surgeon-Captain J. B. Stevens, Surgeon-Colonel W. R. Smith, V.D., Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel Atwood Thorne, Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel A. T. Wear, V.D., and Lieutenant-Colonel E. M. Wilson, C.B., C.M.G.

Read acknowledgements from the Prime Minister, and Lord George Hamilton (Chairman of the Royal Commission on the Poor Laws and Relief of Distress) in reference to the minute, pointing out that the constitution of the Royal Commission on the Poor Laws would command the confidence of the medical profession if the Government were to appoint upon the Commission representatives of those responsible for the administration of the Medical Service of the Poor Laws, which were ordered to be entered on the minutes.

Read acknowledgement of the congratulatory resolution passed by the Council upon Sir Walter Foster having been sworn a member of His Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, which was ordered to be entered on the minutes.

30, Grosvenor Road, Westminster, S.W.,
March 31st, 1906.

Dear Mr. Elliston,—I am much gratified by the resolution passed by the Council of the Association at their last meeting congratulating me on being sworn a member of His Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council. There are many burdens and drawbacks in public life, but in my experience they are amply compensated for by the kindly remembrance of old friends and associates like the members of your Council. It is on this account that I am most grateful for their kind resolution.—Yours truly,

WALTER FOSTER.

Guy Elliston, Esq.,
Secretary, British Medical Association.

The following resolutions from the Council of the Lancashire and Cheshire Branch were then considered:

1. This Council views with alarm the serious decrease in the surplus funds of the Association during the past year, and urges upon the Central Council the absolute necessity of curtailing the expenses in the several departments, notably that of the Medical Secretary.

2. That this Council instructs the Representatives of the Branch to bring the matter before the Council of the Association.

3. That the action of our members on the Council of the Association be approved, and that they be thanked for their services in opposing unnecessary expense in the organizing department of the Association; and, further, that this Branch Council hopes they will continue in such action.

4. That, in the opinion of this Council, it is desirable that the Medical Secretary should devote his attention to organizing and advisory, and not to clerical, work.

5. That this Council is of opinion that the proposal of *Answers* to appoint medical practitioners to give free medical advice in return for a supposed introduction to medical practice in their immediate neighbourhood is derogatory to the dignity of the profession, and against the interests of both the public and the profession.

6. That this Council is of opinion that the holding of such an appointment by a member of the British Medical Association is inconsistent with membership of the Association.

7. That this Council is prepared to lay before the General Medical Council the case of any medical man taking up such an appointment within the boundaries of this Branch.

8. That this Council regrets the delay in the report upon the complaint of a member of the Branch, and requests the Representatives of the Branch upon the Central Council to use every possible means to expedite the consideration of the case by the Council, and further request Dr. G. H. Broadbent to use his best efforts with the Ethical Committee for the same end.

Resolved: That Resolutions 1 to 4 be received and entered on the minutes, and that it be pointed out to the Council of the Lancashire and Cheshire Branch that the expenditure in the several departments, and notably that of the Medical Secretary, is largely consequent upon the due fulfilment of instructions of the Representative Meeting. That resolutions Nos. 5 to 8 be received and entered on the minutes.

Read communication conveying invitation for the Annual Meeting to be held in Exeter:

1, Matlock Terrace, Torquay,
March 7th, 1906.

Dear Sir,—The question of inviting the Association to hold its Annual Meeting of 1907 at some place within the Branch area has been under consideration by the Branch for some time past. I am now instructed to inform you that it is the unanimous wish of the Branch to issue a cordial invitation to the Association to hold its Annual Meeting of 1907 at Exeter.

A deputation from the Branch has been appointed to wait upon the Central Council and tender the invitation, and are ready to attend at your Council on the 14th inst. if it should be convenient for your Council to receive them.

I have the honour, Dear Sir, to remain,
Your faithful Servant,
G. YOUNG EALES, Hon. Sec.

Guy Elliston, Esq.,
General Secretary,
British Medical Association.

Resolved: That the letter be received and entered on the minutes.

Resolved: That the South-Western Branch and the Bradford Division be respectively informed that the new Council for 1906-7 will be glad to receive deputations conveying invitations for the holding of the 1907 Annual Meeting on Wednesday morning, 26th July, at an hour to be subsequently arranged.

Resolved: That the 29 candidates whose names appear on the circular convening the meeting be and they are hereby elected members of the British Medical Association.

Resolved: That the minutes of the Journal and Finance Committee be received.

Dr. MARKHAM SKERRITT, in the absence of the Treasurer, presented the Financial Statement for the year ending December 31st, 1905.

Resolved: That the Financial Statement for the year ending December 31st, 1905, as certified by the auditors be received and approved and circulated, together with the estimate of receipts and expenditure for the year ending December 31st, 1906, to the Secretaries of Branches and Divisions and published in the JOURNAL in accordance with By-law 34. (see page 200.)

Moved by Dr. MARKHAM SKERRITT, seconded by the CHAIRMAN OF COUNCIL, and

Resolved: That the Council approve the Rules of the scheme for the Superannuation of the Clerical Staff, and that they be the rules governing the fund.

Resolved: That the salary of the Medical Secretary be increased by £50 per annum.

Resolved: That the Southern Branch be informed that it is by the consent of the Council that the advertisements referred to are advertised in the JOURNAL.

Resolved: That the accounts for the quarter ending 31st March last, amounting to £11,491 12s. 8d., be received and approved, and it be recommended that the Treasurer be empowered to pay those remaining unpaid, amounting to £3,963 5s. 10d.

Resolved: That the railway fares of witnesses called by the Irish Committee for an ethical inquiry be paid in the same way as witnesses summoned by the Central Ethical Committee.

Resolved: That the minutes of the Premises and Library Committee be received.

Resolved: That the Council award the first Prize to the competitor's plans No. 5, bearing the *nom de plume* "Light and Air," and the second Prize to the competitor's plans No. 3, bearing the *nom de plume* "Lux."

The CHAIRMAN of COUNCIL then opened the sealed envelopes and declared the author of "Light and Air" to be Mr. H. Percy Adams, F.R.I.B.A., 28, Woburn Place, W.C., and the author of "Lux" to be Mr. Edmund Woodthorpe, F.R.I.B.A., 32, Gresham Street, E.C.

Resolved: That the regulations for the guidance of the Librarian in regard to duplicates be approved and adopted, and stand as the regulations of the Association for the guidance of the Librarian.

Resolved: That the accounts for the quarter be received and that the Treasurer be empowered to pay them, amounting to £46 7s. 11d.

Resolved: That the General Secretary be instructed to inform the Honorary Secretaries of the Cheltenham Medical Library and the Portsmouth Medical Library that the Council regrets it cannot accede to their requests, as in giving duplicate books it is the rule of the Association to give priority to the Branches and Divisions of the Association.

Resolved: That the minutes of the Medico-Political Committee be received.

Moved by Dr. BUIST, seconded by Mr. PARKINSON, and

Resolved: That the support of the Association be given to the Prevention of Corruption Bill.

Moved by Mr. KINSEY, seconded by Dr. CRAIG, and

Resolved: That the action of the Chairman of the Medico-Political Committee in communicating with the Government regarding the composition of the Royal Commission on Vivisection be approved.

Resolved: That the minutes of the Irish Committee be received.

Resolved: That the minutes of the Ethical Committee be received.

Resolved: That the Council approve the adoption of the Model Rules of Ethical Procedure, and of the Bradford Rules by the Marylebone Division, and of the Bradford Rules by the Stockport, Macclesfield, and East Cheshire Division.

Resolved: That the minutes of the Organization Committee be received.

Resolved: That the Council do not approve the proposed new Rule of the Yorkshire Branch with reference to the election of representatives of the Branch on the Central Council.

Resolved: That having regard to the expression of opinion of those attending the Conference of Honorary Secretaries at Leicester as to the utility of such Conferences, the Council sanction that a Conference of Secretaries be held at the time of the forthcoming Annual Representative Meeting in London.

The Committee reported that in accordance with instructions already received they were preparing a comprehensive report on Division and Branch expenditure, based on the replies to inquiries circulated by the Committee, and on the annual reports of Divisions and Branches; that it was desirable such a report should be available for the consideration of the Divisions before the Annual Representative Meeting.

Resolved: That the Council authorize the Committee to circulate the report when complete without waiting to place the same before the Council.

Resolved: That with respect to the Annual General Meeting this year all the business described under Section A of Article XVIII be transacted at the General Meeting in London.

Resolved: That the Council authorize the Organization Committee to regroup the North Wales, Shropshire, and Staffordshire Branches, and also the Dorset and West Hants, West Somerset, and Bath and Bristol Branches, if found desirable, upon consideration of the membership as shown by the Annual List of Members, and of intimations received as to the wishes of these Branches respectively.

Resolved: That the other Branches in the United Kingdom be provisionally granted independent representation, or be grouped, as the case may be, for the year 1906-7, in the same manner as for the year 1905-6.

Resolved: That the West Bromwich Division, if not attaining fifty members before April 30th, be grouped with the Dudley and Bromsgrove Divisions.

Resolved: That the Enniskillen, Monaghan, and Omagh Divisions be grouped with the Divisions of Connaught to form one constituency as was the case last year.

Resolved: That the Council do provisionally group the other Divisions in the United Kingdom for representative purposes for the year 1906-7 in the same manner as in the year 1905-6.

Resolved: That the Council authorize the Organization Committee, as in previous years, finally to determine the grouping of Divisions and Branches as soon as possible after the information contained in the Annual List of Members is available.

Resolved: That the Council accept the return of the representative elected by the Halifax and Nova Scotia Branch.

Resolved: That arrangements be made for the forthcoming Annual Representative Meeting to consider the draft Charter, Ordinances, and By-laws, the replies of Divisions in the United Kingdom and the report of the Council thereon; that the Divisions in the United Kingdom be informed that the matter will be so considered, and that the Divisions not in the United Kingdom be informed that the Representative Meeting will not be asked to come to any final decision upon the matter until the replies of the Divisions outside the United Kingdom have been received, five months being allowed for this purpose from the date of the issue of this notice.

Resolved: That Divisional Secretaries be requested to notify the Medical Secretary of all intended meetings of their Divisions, and that postcards be supplied them for that purpose, so that any matter awaiting consideration may, if possible, be forwarded in time for such meetings.

Resolved: That the minutes of the Public Health Committee be received.

Resolved: That in view of information received showing that Clause 2 (1) of the Public Health Bill has been interpreted in a sense not intended by the Association, the Council authorize such redrafting of the Clause as shall make clear that the only object is to secure that appointments of Sanitary Officers shall not lapse without the sanction of the Local Government Board.

Resolved: That the Report of Council be received and approved and submitted to the Secretaries of each Branch and Division, and published in the JOURNAL in accordance with By-law 34. (See page 197.)

Moved by the CHAIRMAN OF COUNCIL, seconded by Dr. CARLINE, and

Resolved: That Mr. W. E. Hempson be reappointed Solicitor to the Association for the ensuing twelve months.

Resolved: That the reports of Branches be received, approved, and published in the JOURNAL. (See page 217.)

Moved by the CHAIRMAN OF COUNCIL, and

Resolved: That the Annual General Meeting be summoned for 10 a.m. on Tuesday, July 24th, to be immediately followed by the Representative Meeting. Further, that the Representatives meet *de die in diem* at 10 a.m. until the completion of business.

Resolved: That the Report on Puerperal Morbidity be received and published in the JOURNAL.

The Council rose at 6.30 p.m.

# Proceedings of Committees.

## MEDICO-POLITICAL COMMITTEE.

A MEETING of the Medico-Political Committee was held at the office of the Association on March 28th, when there were present: Dr. R. C. BUIST, in the chair; Sir Victor Horsley, F.R.S. (Chairman of Representative Meetings), Dr. H. Radcliffe Crocker (Treasurer), Mr. H. W. Armit, Dr. T. Arthur Helme, Mr. George Jackson, Dr. H. A. Latimer, Dr. J. A. Macdonald, Dr. L. S. McManus, Dr. H. F. Oldham, Dr. Cecil E. Shaw, Mr. C. R. Straton. Mr. W. E. Hempson, solicitor to the Association, also attended to advise the Committee upon certain matters.

### SUBSTITUTION OF PROPERTY TAX FOR INCOME TAX.

The Committee considered a communication from the Exeter Division forwarding a copy of the memorandum on the substitution of property tax for income tax, and recommended the Division to refer the matter to the Representative Meeting.

### PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY.

Dr. CECIL SHAW drew attention to the case of Tughan *v.* Darnell, the third trial of which had taken place in Belfast in the previous week,[1] when the judge, in summing up, gave utterance to dicta with respect to the legal responsibilities of medical practitioners which, if accepted, would render those responsibilities much more onerous than they had hitherto been. A motion was made that the Committee recommend the Council to give the assistance of the Association in taking the case before higher courts, but upon careful consideration it was decided not to adopt this course.

### REPORTS ON RECOMMENDATIONS OF COMMITTEE.

The CHAIRMAN reported the action of the Council with respect to the recommendations of the Committee at its last meeting. Also that the Council, on consideration of the minute of the Committee directing that the honorary secretaries of Divisions should be informed that the recom-

[1] BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL, April 7th, 1906, p. 833.

mendations of the Committee as to contract practice were not intended to convey any recommendation in favour of such practice, ordered that a statement to this effect should also be included in the copies of the recommendations on contract practice which by direction of the Representative Meeting were being forwarded to all practitioners.

MEDICAL ACTS AMENDMENT BILL.

The Committee received the report of Counsel instructed to revise the Medical Acts Amendment Bill in accordance with the instructions of the Representative Meeting and to prepare a schedule of repeals preparatory to the introduction of the Bill into Parliament. Upon consideration of Counsel's report, it was decided to instruct him to carry out the more complete redrafting of the Bill which he had suggested as desirable, and that the Committee should report accordingly to the Annual Representative Meeting.

VIVISECTION.

The CHAIRMAN reported that on receiving information as to certain Bills affecting the position of vivisection which had been introduced into the House of Commons and were down for second reading at an early date, and also as to the statement by the Home Secretary that he was prepared to appoint a Royal Commission to inquire into the subject of vivisection, he had, as a matter of urgency, directed that a letter be written to the Home Secretary, and also a letter to all members of Parliament, urging that in view of the proposed appointment of a Royal Commission the *status quo* as regards vivisection should not be disturbed in the meantime, and that, therefore, the two Bills in question should not be allowed to go forward. Special requests had been addressed to the medical members of Parliament to take action in the matter.

The Committee approved the action taken by the Chairman, and appointed a Subcommittee to draft a statement on the matter for the information of members of Parliament.

POISONS AND PHARMACY BILL.

It was resolved, on the recommendation of the Parliamentary Subcommittee, that the Privy Council be recommended to include diachylon in the first part of the schedule of the Poisons and Pharmacy Bill (No. 25).

NOTICE OF ACCIDENTS BILL.

The Committee placed on record its satisfaction with the incorporation in the Notice of Accidents Bill of those provisions which were urged upon the Home Office in June, 1905, by a joint deputation from the British Medical Association and from the Association of Certifying Factory Surgeons.

PREVENTION OF CORRUPTION BILL.

The Committee recommended the Council to accord the support of the Association to the Prevention of Corruption Bill, promoted with the object of preventing the payment of secret commissions.

WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION BILL.

Authority was given to the Chairman to take action, in accordance with the previously-declared views of the Association, with respect to the position of medical referees under the Workmen's Compensation Bill, which had been introduced into Parliament, but not printed, at the time of the meeting.

CONTRACT PRACTICE SUBCOMMITTEE.

The Committee received from the Contract Practice Subcommittee a report on the present position of the existing dispute at Ebbw Vale—namely, that the appointment of Arbitrators, Mr. T. Richards, M.P., and the Medical Secretary of the Association, had been agreed to by both sides, but the terms of reference had not yet been settled. The Subcommittee approved the following terms, which had been approved by the Division and by the Contract Practice Committee of the South Wales Branch:

(*a*) That the reference should leave the widest possible powers to the arbitrators as to the conditions they should lay down in their award for the future terms of engagement of the medical staff attending the Ebbw Vale workmen, including whether there should be a workmen's committee of management, whether the poundage should be paid direct, and what the poundage should be.

(*b*) That the award should be in force for three years.

(*c*) That the two arbitrators themselves be requested, as a preliminary to the arbitration, to draw up the detailed terms of reference.

(*d*) That the Association insist that the terms of reference must be submitted to meetings of the workmen and agreed to by them.

A difficulty had in the meantime arisen as to the dismissal of a member of the staff and the appointment of a successor while the negotiations as to arbitration were in progress.

A report was also received as to the position at Macclesfield, where the Medical Secretary had been requested to assist the local practitioners in clearing up certain difficulties. The Subcommittee reported that they still had under consideration a model agreement between a contract practice organization and its medical officers, and a set of model rules for the public medical services.

AMENDMENT OF THE LUNACY LAW.

The CHAIRMAN reported that on communicating to the Medico-Psychological Association, as directed, the desire of the British Medical Association for co-operation in approaching the Lord Chancellor with respect to the amendment of the lunacy laws, certain differences had arisen which were to be the subject of a conference, and the Committee gave directions as to the action to be taken.

## ETHICAL COMMITTEE.

A MEETING of the Ethical Committee was held at the office of the Association on April 6th, when there were present: Mr. R. H. KINSEY (in the Chair), Mr. G. C. Franklin (President of the Association), Dr. J. Ford Anderson, Dr. A. G. Bateman, Mr. G. H. Broadbent, Dr. G. W. Crowe, Dr. Bruce Goff, Dr. R. L. Langdon Down, Mr. W. D. Spanton. Among the matters considered were the following:

A QUESTION OF A TEMPORARY APPOINTMENT.

The CHAIRMAN reported that a Division had asked advice as to the propriety of pronouncing unprofessional the conduct of a medical practitioner in undertaking to discharge temporarily the duties of an appointment which was being offered for a permanency on terms which the Division had pronounced unsatisfactory. The Committee approved the advice which had been given—namely, that the Division should not condemn the action described until they had communicated their opinion as to the undesirability of such temporary discharge of the duties of the appointment, and afforded the practitioner concerned an opportunity of conforming with their view.

POWERS OF CALLING WITNESSES.

An application was also reported from the Irish Committee for information as to their power of summoning witnesses to attend before them in an ethical case, which had been referred to that Committee, and their power of paying expenses. The CHAIRMAN reported that the question of expenses had been referred to the Journal and Finance Committee.

The Committee resolved to consider at its next meeting the powers of various bodies of the Association to call witnesses in ethical cases.

POWERS OF DIVISIONS TO CONSIDER ETHICAL CASES.

It was also reported that a Division had been informed, in answer to an inquiry, that it was competent for a Division of the Association to consider any question of professional conduct, including resolutions of a local medical society, but that it was advisable not to circulate to members of the Division a notice such as had been submitted relating to the conduct of a non-member.

RULES OF DIVISIONS AND BRANCHES.

The Committee considered Rules submitted by various Divisions and Branches, and made recommendations to the Council in reference thereto.

ACTION UNDER STANDING ORDERS AS TO TRADE ADVERTISEMENTS.

The Committee received and approved the Medical Secretary's report of action taken under standing instructions of the Committee with respect to trade advertisements and newspaper notices containing the names of medical practitioners.

MEDICAL ADVICE WITH "ANSWERS."

A report was received from the Editor stating that as desired by the Committee, an article had been published in the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL[1] with reference to the scheme for the provision of medical attendance recently instituted by *Answers*, and that the appearance of this article had immediately been followed by a communication from the Editor of *Answers*[2] stating that in deference to the opinion of the profession as indicated in the article he had decided to abandon the scheme.

The MEDICAL SECRETARY reported other information received indicating that the scheme had in fact been given up.

The Committee expressed its satisfaction at the result of the action taken through the JOURNAL in the matter.

RESULTS OF ACTION TAKEN.

The Committee also received reports of the results of action taken by instruction of the Committee in special cases, including the following:

*Advertising by a Notice Board.*

In the case of the exhibition by a medical practitioner of notice boards, to which exception had been taken, and which had been referred to the Division for consideration, it was reported that the notice boards had now been removed.

*False Description in "Medical Directory."*

The attention of a medical practitioner having been drawn, by direction of the Committee, to the impropriety of his conduct in inserting in the *Medical Directory* that he had held a hospital appointment, which in fact he had not held, it was reported that he had now expressed his regret for this false statement, and had undertaken not to repeat it.

ASSISTANT OPPOSING FORMER PRINCIPAL.

The Committee received the report by a Division of the results of its investigation of a case, previously before the Committee, in which an Assistant had set up in opposition to a former Principal, and concerning which the Committee, seeing that no bond had been signed, had asked whether there was evidence of any understanding, verbal or documentary, which should have been binding between honourable men. With its report on the facts the Division submitted also its conclusions from those facts, and the Committee expressed its concurrence in the opinion of the Division, that the Assistant in question had acted unprofessionally, having taken an improper advantage of his fiduciary position to obtain the patients of his former Principal. The Committee further expressed the opinion that the Principal had been guilty of extreme negligence in not obtaining a proper undertaking when engaging the Assistant.

"TOUTING" LETTER TO FORMER PATIENT.

In a case in which a medical practitioner had written a letter to a patient under the care of another practitioner whom he had previously attended, suggesting that he should again be called in, the Committee found that his conduct was most reprehensible, but that the apology which he had tendered should be accepted.

QUESTION AS TO A PUBLIC APPOINTMENT.

The Committee considered the case of a practitioner, formerly a member of the Association, who had applied to the Division of which he was then a member for support in respect of the appointment as medical officer of health, which he lost through a dispute with the sanitary authority, and which had been subsequently accepted by another member of the Division. Before the appointment became vacant the Division had expressed its inability to take action in the matter. Communications were also considered relative to the case from the Division concerned as to its action, and from the Council of the Branch drawing attention to the delay in consideration of the case by the Central Ethical Committee.

The Committee resolved that having fully considered the papers laid before it, it regretted that there was any delay in the matter, but considered that the delay was unavoidable. The Committee further expressed the opinion that it was not called upon to take any action, having regard to the fact that the matter had repeatedly been brought before the Executive Committee of the Division, and its decision on both occasions confirmed by the Division, the decision being that no action be taken.

ASSURANCE COMPANIES OFFERING IMPROPER INDUCEMENTS TO PROSPECTIVE REFEREES.

The Committee received a report from a Division with respect to the action of certain sickness and accident assurance companies which held out, as an inducement to medical practitioners to become referees, increase of practice which would accrue from the introduction given to patients of other practitioners. The Division condemned such methods, and suggested that the Central Ethical Committee should issue a warning to members against being connected in any way with the companies complained of.

The Committee concurred in the expression of opinion by the Division, and resolved that this opinion be communicated to Honorary Secretaries of Divisions in order that members might be warned against acting for such companies.

REPORT ON CONSULTANTS.

The draft report on consultants, prepared by direction of the last Annual Representative Meeting, was further considered, and final consideration postponed to a special meeting.

## PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

A MEETING of the Public Health Committee was held at the office of the Association on April 10th, Mr. C. H. WATTS PARKINSON in the chair, the other members present being Dr. J. Groves, Mr. Herbert Jones, Dr. Herbert Manley, Dr. F. C. Martley, Dr. T. G. Nasmyth, Dr. J. Maxwell Ross.

SUGGESTED INQUIRY AS TO ISOLATION HOSPITAL.

A letter from the West Riding County Council was considered, inquiring as to a resolution which the County Council had been informed the British Medical Association had adopted at Leicester raising the question of the utility of hospital isolation. The Medical Secretary was instructed to inform the West Riding County Council that the resolution in question was not a resolution of the Association, but of the Section of State Medicine, and that the Council having in the ordinary course considered this recommendation of the Section of State Medicine, had decided not for the present to take any action.

ACTION OF THE COUNCIL RESPECTING RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMITTEE.

The CHAIRMAN reported that the Council had appointed Dr. Groves, Mr. Herbert Jones, and Dr. Manley to represent the Association at the Congress of the Royal Sanitary Institute at Bristol in July.

PUBLIC HEALTH (SECURITY OF TENURE) BILL.

The MEDICAL SECRETARY reported that Sir Francis Sharpe Powell had undertaken, at the instance of the Association and of the Public Health Committee of the House of Commons, to introduce the Public Health (Security of Tenure) Bill into the House of Commons. The Committee considered certain objections which had been raised in the General Medical Council to Clause 2, Subclause 1, of the Bill as at present framed, and decided to report to the Council that these objections and other information received indicated that the clause was open to an interpretation not intended by the Association, and that it would be redrafted in order to make the intention clear.

BILLS BEFORE PARLIAMENT.

The Committee considered certain other public health Bills now before Parliament, and decided that no action by the Association was necessary.

PENDING DISPUTES.

The Medical Secretary's report on action taken with respect to disputes affecting appointments under public authorities, including those at Aberystwyth and Bangor, was received and approved.

## ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE.

A MEETING of the Organization Committee was held at the office of the Association on April 10th, when there were present: Mr. T. JENNER VERRALL in the chair; Mr. H. A. Ballance, Mr. Andrew Clark, Dr. A. Cox,

[1] BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL, March 10th, 1906, p. 583.
[2] BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL, March 17th, 1906, p. 639.

Professor J. T. J. Morrison, Dr. E. Rayner, Professor A. H. White.

MEDICAL SECRETARY'S VISITS TO DIVISIONS AND BRANCHES.

The MEDICAL SECRETARY reported that, in accordance with the instructions given by the Committee in December as the result of an application from the Council of the Yorkshire Branch, he had visited the following places in Yorkshire with a view to developing the organization of the Association and of the profession there—Huddersfield, Sheffield, Wakefield, Barnsley, Leeds, and Halifax. The reports received from the honorary secretaries of the Divisions and local medical societies in these centres indicated that there was a prospect of a considerable increase of membership and an awakening of activity in the Divisions, and in one case the probable formation of a Division in a district in which the Association had hitherto had very few members.

Visits to the Westminster Division and to a joint meeting of the Liverpool and Birkenhead Divisions were also reported, and the report was approved.

ISSUE OF RECOMMENDATIONS AS TO CONTRACT PRACTICE.

The Committee also received a report of action taken by the Medico-Political Committee, who, in carrying out the instructions of the Annual Representative Meeting at Leicester to circulate to practitioners who were not members of the Association information as to the decisions of that meeting, had taken advantage of the opportunity to draw the attention of non-members to the work which the Association was doing for the profession, and to urge them to join the Association. The result of this action appeared to be a prospective increase of membership of over 300 at the date of the report, being about 200 more than the result from the ordinary routine circulars issued to non-members. The Committee expressed its concurrence in the action of the Medico-Political Committee.

BRANCH RULES.

The Committee considered and reported to the Council upon certain proposed alterations in the rules of the Yorkshire Branch.

ALTERATION OF BOUNDARIES.

The consideration of applications from the West Bromwich Division for a change of its boundaries, and from some medical practitioners in New Brunswick, Canada, for the formation of a new Branch of the Association was deferred pending receipt of further information.

CONFERENCE OF HONORARY SECRETARIES AT LEICESTER.

The Committee received the report of the Conference of Honorary Secretaries of Branches and Divisions held at Leicester at the time of the last Annual Meeting, and recommended the Council to approve the holding of a similar Conference at the time of the next Annual Representative Meeting in London in July next.

ANNUAL REPORTS OF DIVISIONS AND BRANCHES.

The Committee resumed the consideration of its instructions from the Council to report upon the annual reports of Divisions and Branches, and also to report on the present system of Division and Branch finance. The annual reports of Divisions and Branches for the year 1905 were considered, together with the replies received from those bodies to inquiries issued by the Committee in November last. A Subcommittee, consisting of the Chairman, Mr. Ballance, and Professor Morrison, was appointed to draft for the consideration of the Committee a report upon the whole subject, to be considered at the June meeting of the Committee. In view of the facts that the Council would not, after its meeting on April 18th, meet again until the beginning of July, and that it was desirable that a report on the subject should be available for consideration by the Divisions before the Representative Meeting, the Council was recommended to authorize the Committee to issue its report to the Divisions as soon as completed.

DISTRICT ORGANIZING SECRETARIES.

The consideration of a proposal to appoint district organizing secretaries, which had been referred by the Council to the Committee, was deferred pending the completion of the report on the finances of Divisions and Branches.

GROUPING OF DIVISIONS AND BRANCHES.

The Committee considered the grouping of Divisions and Branches for the years 1906-7, and made provisional recommendations to the Council in reference thereto, recommending also that the Council as in previous years should authorize the Committee to determine the grouping finally after the annual list of members was made up on April 30th.

An application was considered from the Nova Scotia Branch to the effect that, the Representative of the Branch on the Council having been elected before the intimation of grouping by the Council in January had been received, the Branch requested the Council to accept the return of the Representative so elected; the Committee recommended the Council to accede to the application.

SCIENCE COMMITTEE.

In accordance with an instruction received from the Council the Committee drafted a new section of By-law 40 constituting a Standing Science Committee of the Association, and recommended the Council to adopt the same for submission to the Annual Representative Meeting.

THE CHARTER.

The Committee received the Draft Charter, Ordinances, and By-laws as finally revised by Counsel and sent to the Divisions. The Committee recommended the Council to arrange that the Annual Representative Meeting should consider the drafts in July, together with the replies of the Divisions in the United Kingdom and the report of the Council thereon; that the Divisions in the United Kingdom should be informed that the matter would be so considered, and that the Divisions not in the United Kingdom should be informed that the Representative Meeting would not be asked to pronounce any final decision upon the matter until sufficient opportunity had been afforded for the reception of the replies of the Divisions and Branches outside the United Kingdom.

SOUTH AFRICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

Communications were considered from a Branch and a Division in South Africa drawing attention to the suggested formation of a South African Medical Association, and asking for information as to certain points in the working of the British Medical Association and the possibility of carrying out in connexion with the British Medical Association all the work which it was proposed that the South African Medical Association should undertake. A reply was ordered to be sent giving the information desired.

RESOLUTION OF NORTH MANCHESTER DIVISION.

Upon the consideration of a suggestion from the North Manchester Division the Council was recommended to approve the issue of a notice to honorary secretaries requesting them to notify the Medical Secretary of all intended meetings of Divisions, postcards being supplied for the purpose, in order that matters awaiting consideration might, wherever possible, be forwarded in time for such meetings.

## IRISH COMMITTEE.

A MEETING of the Irish Committee was held in the Shelbourne Hotel, Dublin, on March 31st, when there were present: Professor BYERS (Belfast) in the chair, Dr. R. B. Carey (Borris, co. Carlow), Dr. James Craig (Dublin), Dr. J. G. Cooke (Londonderry), Dr. J. S. Darling (Lurgan), Dr. Joseph Giusani (Cork), Dr. J. M. Kenny (Granard), Dr. P. G. Lee (Cork), Dr. D. J. O'Connor (Cork), Dr. J. Quirke (Piltown, co. Kilkenny), Dr. Cecil Shaw (Belfast), Dr. Denis Walshe (Graigue, co. Kilkenny), and Professor White (Dublin).

POOR-LAW COMMISSION.

The SECRETARY reported that the following gentlemen had been nominated as Representatives of the Irish Medical Association on the Joint Poor-law Committee: Dr. Thomas Donnelly (Dublin), Dr. F. W. Kidd (Dublin), Dr. MacSweeney (Killarney), and Dr. Strahan (Dublin).

It was also reported that the Poor-law Association nominated, instead of Dr. R. Marley Blake (who was unable to act), Dr. S. Agnew, of Lurgan.

The SECRETARY read correspondence with the Irish Workhouse Association relative to representation on the Joint Poor-law Committee and forwarding the following names of their representatives on the Joint Committee which were approved: Lord Mounteagle (London), Mr. Walter Kavanagh (Borris, co. Carlow), Mr. N. J. Synnott (Naas), and Miss Buchanan, P.L.G. (Dublin).

It was unanimously resolved:

That in the opinion of the Irish Committee it is advisable that the Council should assist the work of the Irish Committee in connexion with the Poor-law inquiry by making a grant of £50 towards clerical assistance to the Secretary, postage, stationery, and local printing.

CONNAUGHT.

The SECRETARY reported that the South Connaught Division had held a meeting which was attended by four members, and that Dr. Mills stated that he saw no prospect of being able to hold, in the near future, a general meeting of the members of the Association in the province.

It was resolved:

That we instruct our Honorary Secretary to circularize extensively the members of the British Medical Association in Connaught, informing them that the Irish Committee are willing to send a deputation, on a date to be fixed, to meet them, with a view to form a Connaught Branch of the British Medical Association so that they could have representation on the Irish Committee.

POWER OF CO-OPTION.

It was resolved with one dissentient:

That the Committee should, at the next Representative Meeting, seek for power to co-opt each year not more than three members from districts not already represented on the Committee.

Notice of motion accordingly to go forward to the next Representative Meeting.

NEXT MEETING.

It was reolved to hold the next meeting of the Committee in Belfast, on Saturday, June 16th.

## PREMISES AND LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

A MEETING of the Premises and Library Committee was held at the office of the Association on Tuesday, April 3rd, 1906, when there were present: Mr. ANDREW CLARK (Chairman) in the chair, Sir Victor Horsley, F.R.S. (Chairman of Representative Meetings), Dr. H. W. Langley Browne (Chairman of Council), Dr. H. Radcliffe Crocker (Treasurer), Dr. Edgar Barnes, Dr. J. Brassey Brierley, Dr. J. H. Galton, Dr. Bruce Goff, Dr. E. Markham Skerritt. Mr. Wm. Henman, Architect, attended as Assessor during the consideration of the competitive plans.

PREMISES.

The Committee considered the plans for the rebuilding of the Association's house in the Strand, and received the opinion of Mr. William Henman, F.R.I.B.A., architectural assessor. The Committee resolved to recommend the Council to award the first prize to the plans bearing the *nom de plume* "Light and Air," and the second prize to those bearing the *nom de plume* "Lux," in accordance with the recommendation of the assessor. Copies of these two sets of plans were directed to be forwarded to the Council, together with a copy of the report which the assessor undertook to make.

REGULATIONS AS TO DUPLICATE VOLUMES.

The following regulations, drawn up in accordance with instructions of the Committee, were adopted and recommended to stand as the regulations of the Association for the guidance of the Librarian:

1. All volumes presented from the Central Library of the Association to Branch or Division Libraries remain the property of the Association.
2. In the event of a Branch or Division deciding to abandon its Library, all volumes presented from the Central Library must be returned.
3. All applicants for duplicate volumes must undertake to return to the central office the Duplicate List within 14 days after receipt.

APPLICATIONS FOR DUPLICATE VOLUMES.

Applications from two provincial medical societies asking for duplicate volumes were considered. The Committee regretted it could not accede to the request, as in giving duplicate books it was the rule of the Association to give priority to Branches and Divisions of the Association.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

The Librarian reported that there had been over 1,720 attendances during the first three months of the year, being 171 more than in the corresponding period of last year. He also reported that 193 *Thèses de Paris* for the present session had been received, and stated the list of books presented or purchased for the Library.

The quarterly accounts for the Library were received and recommended for payment.

LIBRARY HOURS.

Resolutions from the City Division suggesting that the library should remain open till 11 p.m., except on Saturdays, when it should be closed at 1 p.m., and the provision at head quarters for better social intercourse of members, especially for country members visiting London, were considered. The General Secretary was instructed to inform the City Division that the Committee regretted that it did not see its way at present to comply with the request.

## JOURNAL AND FINANCE COMMITTEE.

A MEETING of the Journal and Finance Committee was held at the office of the Association on April 4th, when there were present: Dr. H. W. LANGLEY BROWNE (Chairman of Council) in the chair, Sir Victor Horsley (Chairman of Representative Meetings), Dr. H. Radcliffe Crocker (Treasurer), Dr. Edgar G. Barnes, Dr. W. A. Carline, Mr. Andrew Clark, Dr. J. H. Galton, Dr. J. Groves, Mr. R. H. Kinsey, Mr. C. H. W. Parkinson, Dr. Edwin Rayner, Dr. E. Markham Skerritt, Mr. J. Lynn Thomas, C.B.

Letters of apology for non-attendance were read from the President and Mr. Verrall.

The recommendations at which the Committee arrived are embodied in the report of the proceedings of Council.

# Meetings of Branches & Divisions.

[*The proceedings of the Divisions and Branches of the Association relating to Scientific and Clinical Medicine, when reported by the Honorary Secretaries, are published in the body of the* JOURNAL.]

## LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE BRANCH:

### CHESTER DIVISION.

A MEETING of this Division was held on April 3rd, Mr. GRAINGER in the chair.

*Apology for Absence.*—The HONORARY SECRETARY stated that Mr. Taylor had expressed regret that he was unable to be present.

*Confirmation of Minutes.*—The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

*Matters Referred to Divisions.*—The recommendations and report upon Contract Practice, the Public Medical Service, and Provident Dispensaries were considered and discussed, and it was proposed by Dr. MANN, and seconded by Dr. PARRY, that they be approved of, if not in every detail, at least in principle.—This was carried unanimously.

*Co-ordination of Scientific Work.*—The question of the co-ordination of the scientific work of the Association was then considered. The CHAIRMAN stated, and it was generally admitted, that the Chester Medical Society to a great extent supplied this want, but it was proposed by Dr. KING, and seconded by Dr. DUFF:

That it is desirable that at some of the Division meetings scientific work should be included.

—This being put to the meeting was negatived.

*Candidates for General Medical Council.*—The question of the selection of Association candidates for the General Medical Council was then considered, and referred to a future meeting.

*Rules of Central Midwives Board.*—The rules of the Central Midwives Board were then considered and approved of.

*Registration of Nurses.*—The registration of nurses was supported.

*Tea.*—Tea was kindly provided by the Chairman previous to the meeting.

## METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH.

*Financial Relations of Branch to Divisions.*—The following is the text of the report of the Committee appointed to consider methods of regulating the financial relations of the Branch to the Divisions. The Committee suggests that the Council should pass the following resolutions to be added to the present rules of the Branch on financial matters:

1. That the Branch Council shall each year, at its first meeting after the annual elections to the Council, appoint a Finance Committee.
2. That the Finance Committee shall consist of three ordinary members of the Council, together with the President, President-elect, Treasurer, and one of the Branch Secretaries, as *ex-officio* members.
3. That the Finance Committee shall, at its first meeting, elect one of the ordinary members to be its Chairman.
4. That the Finance Committee shall, at the close of each financial year:
   (*a*) Audit the Branch accounts and report upon them.
   (*b*) Report upon the accounts of the Divisions.
   For these purposes the Treasurer of the Branch and the Treasurers of the Divisions shall each submit to the Finance Committee an account of the moneys under their separate control, and of the sums which have been expended under their authority.
5. That all money desired by a Division over and above the sums (viz.: £10 and a second £10) at present allowed by the financial rules of the Branch, shall be applied for through the Financial Committee, which shall report the matter to the Branch Council, which alone shall have power to grant or refuse such additional sums.
6. That in making any application for money under Rule 5, the Division making the application shall submit a full account up to date of the divisional funds, and a detailed statement of the purpose or purposes for which such money is to be used.

(Signed)
Andrew Clark, Chairman.

*Nomination for Offices.*—Dr. Fred. J. Smith (138, Harley Street, W.), Honorary Secretary, has issued a circular reminding members that it is a privilege of the Divisions to nominate members for election to serve the offices respectively of President, Vice-Presidents (4), Treasurer, and Secretaries (2) of the Branch. Such nominations must be made to him before May 28th. Nominations of members for election by the Branch to the Central Council of the Association may also be made by Divisions. Dr. Smith is authorized to state that his colleague, Mr. Ernest Clarke, does not wish to be re-elected Secretary. Dr. Smith has already received nominations for the officers of the Branch made by the Kensington and Wandsworth Divisions.

### City and Tottenham Divisions.

A conjoint meeting was held on Thursday evening, April 19th, at Brooke House, Upper Clapton, by the kind invitation of Dr. J. O. Adams. The Chairman of the Division, Dr. J. W. Hunt, presided.

*Branch and Division Finance.*—The following resolution was passed and ordered to be forwarded to the Organization Committee in response to their inquiry:

> That the financial arrangements of Division and Branch be left as they are, but that the grant made by the Branch to each of its Divisions be limited to 3s. per member, provided that the Branch is not to be prevented from making a grant to any Division or Divisions for special objects.

*Representation of Branch on Central Council.*—It was resolved that if the Divisions unite in holding a conference on this subject the City Division send two delegates. Mr. Frederick Wallace and Dr. E. W. Goodall were appointed delegates.

*Paper.*—Dr. J. H. Sequeira read a paper on the various forms of ringworm and their treatment. The paper was illustrated by lantern slides and preparations.

*Vote of Thanks.*—A vote of thanks to Dr. Sequeira was carried by acclamation.

## OXFORD AND READING BRANCH:

### Reading and Maidenhead Division.

A meeting of this Division was held in the library of the Royal Berks Hospital, on April 23rd, at 3.30 p.m., Dr. Marriott in the chair.

*Proposed Royal Charter.*—The proposal for an application for a Royal Charter was agreed to. Regarding the "methods" of the proposed Charter, it was proposed by Dr. Marriott and seconded by Dr. Freeman:

> That Section vi be struck out of the proposed methods.

This was carried unanimously.

*Branch Surplus Funds.*—It was proposed by Dr. Holden and seconded by Dr. Farndon:

> That each Branch should dispose of its surplus funds for charitable or other purposes as its members may from time to time propose.

*Anaesthetists and Unregistered Dentists.*—Incidentally it was mentioned that a member of the Division was in the frequent habit of giving anaesthetics for an unregistered dentist. The offending member was to be warned in a friendly manner by the Chairman of the risks he was incurring.

*Apologies for Absence.*—Letters were read from Mr. Walters and Mr. H. G. Armstrong regretting their absence from the meeting, and Mr. Walters strongly expressed approval of the application for a Royal Charter.

## ULSTER BRANCH:

### Derry Division.

A meeting of this Division was held on March 21st, in the Guildhall, Derry, Dr. Hunter (Chairman) presiding.

*Proposed Bacteriological Laboratory.*—It was proposed by Dr. McCurdy, seconded by Dr. Jas. Craig, and unanimously passed:

> That a deputation, consisting of Drs. Hunter, Craig, McCurdy, and Cooke, should approach the Corporation to ask them to fit up a small laboratory where the medical officer of health could examine swabs, blood, etc., from cases of suspected infectious disease (bacteriologically).

*Out-patient Departments in Hospitals.*—It was unanimously passed:

> That, in the opinion of this meeting, there should be no out-patient departments in hospitals except for consultations and casualties, and that this applies especially to hospitals whose staff are general practitioners. This does not apply to special departments—for example, for eye, ear, and throat work.

*Routine Business.*—Some routine business was also transacted.

## YORKSHIRE BRANCH:

### Bradford Division.

A special meeting of the medical profession in the Bradford district, called together by the Division, was held at the Great Northern Victoria Hotel, Bradford, on Wednesday, March 28th, at 8.30 p.m. Dr. Mitchell, Chairman of the Division, presided.

*Contract Medical Practice.*—The meeting was convened for the consideration of the recommendations of the Medico-Political Committee on Contract Practice, and as an introduction to the discussion Mr. J. Wherry Willson moved the following resolution:

> That in the opinion of this meeting the present system of contract club practice is unsatisfactory and unnecessary in Bradford, and that a Committee be appointed to consider another scheme of carrying on the work.

Mr. Willson, in an eloquent and lucid speech, said: In approaching the question there are three preliminary points to be especially noted. First, that the question is not one of sentiment, or of charity. We are not dealing with the poor, but with well-to-do members of wealthy and powerful organizations—organizations which have a capital of forty-seven millions. Secondly, that if medical men will analyse the work they do for clubs, they will find that they are being paid at the rate of from 6d. to 1s. a visit. Thirdly, that the root of the evil is the contract. It is of no use adding one shilling or so to the annual amount received from each club member, as the more he pays, the more he will expect. A fourth point also, that

any proposals now made will be regarded by the clubs as final, and will not easily be amended afterwards. The club system was introduced to provide cheap medical attendance for the poor, but these have been replaced by the "well-to-do," who now demand as a right, services formerly volunteered to their poorer brethren almost as a charity. The system is unfair both to the patient and to the medical man because of the compulsory nature of the attendance on both sides. The system is also unfair to the medical man, because he has no means of knowing how much work he will have to do for a fee which is fixed beforehand. In one respect these societies are not "friendly" at all, in that their members have to pay for their privileges, and only those who can do so are admitted, while medical men protect their funds from the claims of the physically unfit, whom they also frequently attend as charity patients. There are three reasons why medical men accept club appointments: (1) for charity, misplaced; (2) for advertisement—futile and unworthy; (3) because if one doctor refuses or resigns a club there are plenty of others who are ready to take it up. The club doctor is regarded as the slave of his patients, and may be called upon to account for his conduct to a club committee. Medical men have their own futures to consider, while as the result largely of underpaid medical work these societies are accumulating millions, medical men in their declining years, and their dependents, have to trust for support in only too many cases to benevolent associations, kept up by subscriptions from the profession. The suggested remedy: that each club patient should be allowed to choose his own doctor, and that such doctor's fees at so much a visit should be paid by the club to which the patient belongs, or to the Friendly Society to which that club is affiliated. The Friendly Societies are perfectly able, and in some instances have shown themselves ready, to carry out the scheme.—Dr. Mercer seconded the resolution, which was supported by Drs. Goyder, Horrocks, Carroll, Bateson, Gray, Munro, J. J. Bell, and Metcalfe. Drs. Craig, Bonner, McGee, Manknell, and Parkinson thought the aim a desirable one, but did not consider it possible to abolish club practice as at present carried on. Mr. Willson replied. The resolution, on being put to the meeting, was adopted *nem. con.*

*Appointment of Committee on Contract Practice.*—Mr. Willson then proposed and Dr. Goyder seconded:

> That the following Committee should be appointed to formulate a scheme for carrying on the work in the future: Drs. and Messrs. Manknell, Willson, Munro, Wade, Bonner, Eames, Craig, Handcock, Mercer, Goyder, Gray, and Carroll.

This was carried unanimously.—Dr. Metcalfe proposed and Dr. Goyder seconded, that Mr. Willson should act as Convener and Secretary for the Committee. Carried *nem. con.* The meeting then terminated.

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# Association Notices.

## LIBRARY OF THE BRITISH MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

**Members are reminded that the Library and Writing Rooms of the Association are fitted up for the accommodation of the members in commodious apartments, at the office of the Association, 429, Strand. The rooms are open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., except on Saturdays, when they close at 2 p.m. Members can have their letters addressed to them at the office.**

## BRANCH AND DIVISION MEETINGS TO BE HELD.

Bath and Bristol Branch: Trowbridge Division.—Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of this Division will be held at the Town Hall, Trowbridge, on Wednesday, May 23rd, at 2.45 p.m. Business: To elect officers; consider communications from the Association *re* Charter, Contract Practice, etc., and any other business.—John Tubb-Thomas, The Halve, Trowbridge, Wilts, Honorary Secretary.

**Birmingham Branch.—The annual meeting of the Birmingham Branch will be held at the Medical Institute on Thursday, June 14th, at 3.30 p.m., and nominations for offices should reach the Honorary Secretary not later than May 23rd.—T. Sydney Short, Honorary Secretary, 85, Edmund Street, Birmingham.**

Birmingham Branch: Central Division.—A special and general meeting will be held at the Medical Institute, on Wednesday, May 9th, at 4 p.m. Business: (1) To consider the proposed Royal Charter. Professor Morrison, a member of the Organization Committee, will explain the question, and propose a resolution. (2) On behalf of the Executive Committee, the Chairman, Mr. W. F. Haslan, will propose the adoption of certain ethical rules. Copies of these rules will be sent to each member.—E. D. Kirby, Honorary Secretary.

**Border Counties Branch.—The next meeting of this Branch will be held in Keswick on Friday, May 4th. Any member who desires to make a communication to the meeting is requested to inform the Secretary at his earliest convenience. Fuller details of arrangements will be published later.—Francis R. Hill, Carlisle, Honorary Secretary.**

**Border Counties Branch: Scottish Division.—The annual general meeting of the above Division will be held at the Dumfries and Galloway Royal Infirmary, upon Tuesday, May 8th, when Dr. Gulland, of Edinburgh, will give an address on Blood Examination in General Practice. The April meeting will not now be held.—George R. Livingston, Dumfries, Honorary Secretary.**

Dundee, Perth, and Stirling Branches.—The nomination of candidates for the office of Elective Member of Council for the ensuing year must be made in writing on or before May 14th to Dr. J. E. Moorhouse, 6, Melville Terrace, Stirling.—A. P. Low, Honorary Secretary, Dundee Branch; W. A. Taylor, Honorary Secretary, Perth Branch; J. E. Moorhouse, Honorary Secretary, Stirling Branch.

East Anglian Branch.—Notice is hereby given that nominations of two members for the office of Representative on the Central Council of the Association, each signed by not less than three members, must reach me not later than May 21st.—B. H. Nicholson, M.B., East Lodge, Colchester, General Secretary of Branch.

Lancashire and Cheshire Branch.—In accordance with By-law 24, notice is hereby given that nominations of Representatives of this Branch in the Council of the Association must be received by me, duly signed and in writing, on or before May 1st.—T. Arthur Helme, M.D., Honorary Secretary, 3, St. Peter's Square, Manchester.

Metropolitan Counties Branch: City Division.—A general meeting will be held on Thursday, May 3rd, at 9 p.m., at Woodchester, 208, Upper Clapton Road, N.E. Agenda: (1) To consider the nomination of candidates for the various offices in the Branch. (2) To consider report (if any) of delegates to conference *re* Representation of Branch on Central Council. (3) To consider the Draft Charter.

The annual meeting of the Division, which is to take place on Thursday, May 24th, at 4 p.m., will be held at the Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool Street, E.C.—E. W. Goodall, Eastern Hospital, Homerton, N.E., Honorary Secretary.

Metropolitan Counties Branch: Hampstead Division.—An extra meeting will be held on Friday, April 27th, at 5 p.m., at Finchley.—R. A. Yeld, Hampstead, Honorary Secretary.

Metropolitan Counties Branch: Hampstead Division.—A conference on the management of the Hampstead General Hospital will be held at the Hampstead Conservatoire on May 5th, at 4.30 p.m., under the auspices of the Hampstead Division of the British Medical Association. Agenda: (*a*) To consider and adopt the resolutions passed by the Hampstead Division, British Medical Association, on April 6th, which read: I. That an out-patient department in Hampstead is unnecessary. II. That the casualty department be kept distinct from any other department, and that casualty patients, if not suitable for admission, be seen once and thereon be referred to private practitioners, provident dispensaries, or Poor-law authorities. III. That there be greater facilities for general practitioners of the neighbourhood to attend in-patients. IV. That there should be a service limit as well as an age limit to appointments to the medical staff. V. That the outside medical profession should be adequately represented on the Board. (*b*) To consider the recent circular letter and questions issued by the council of the hospital to the medical profession in Hampstead, in which, on the suggestion of the Executive Committee of King Edward's Hospital Fund, the question of the appointment of consultants to the acting staff of the hospital is raised. (*c*) To decide upon the steps to be taken to carry into effect the objects of this conference.—Reginald A. Yeld, M.D., Honorary Secretary.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: LAMBETH DIVISION.—The next meeting will be held at the Camberwell Infirmary, Brunswick Square, on Thursday, May 3rd, at 4 p.m. Agenda: (1) Minutes. (2) A paper by Dr. Frank C. Lewis on Artificial Immunity with especial reference to Opsonic Indices. (3) Demonstration of microscopic specimens. (4) Dr. Keats will show members round the Infirmary.—W. H. B. STODDART, Honorary Secretary.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: ST. PANCRAS AND ISLINGTON DIVISION.—The next meeting will be held on Friday, April 27th, at the St. Pancras Infirmary, in Pancras Road, London, N.W., at 4 p.m. Agenda: (1) To consider the clauses of the Draft Charter, which will be explained by Mr. J. Smith Whitaker. (2) Hospital out-patient reform. (3) The registration of nurses.—WM. WYNN WESTCOTT, Secretary.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: WESTMINSTER DIVISION.—A meeting of this Division will be held at 20, Hanover Square, on Thursday, May 3rd, at 8.30 p.m. Mr. J. Bland-Sutton will be in the chair. Agenda: (1) Minutes; (2) Correspondence; (3) Questions; (4) Communication from the Wandsworth Division *re* proposed nomination of candidates for election to the Central Council; (5) Consideration of Dr. Ford Anderson's paper on Hospital Abuse, and the propositions connected therewith, *vide* SUPPLEMENT, June 3rd, 1905; (6) Consideration of the proposed Royal Charter; (7) any other business.—W. KNOWSLEY SIBLEY, M.D., Honorary Secretary.

MIDLAND BRANCH.—Nominations of candidates for the Council of the Association for the ensuing year must be sent before May 14th to ASTLEY V. CLARKE, 37, London Road, Leicester, Honorary Secretary.

SOUTH-EASTERN BRANCH.—The annual meeting of this Branch will be held at Norwood on Wednesday, June 27th, Dr. Hetley, President-elect, in the chair. The following will be the agenda: (1) To elect the officers of the Branch. (This will be done by voting papers sent to each member of the Branch. Nominations by three members for the offices of President-elect, Vice-Presidents, and Secretary may be sent to the Honorary Secretary on or before May 21st.) (2) To receive the annual report of the Branch. (3) To transact any business that may be transacted by an ordinary meeting. N.B.—Three members to represent the Branch on the Central Council will also be elected by voting papers. Nominations for these posts, each of three members in writing, should be sent to the Secretary of the Branch on or before May 21st.—H. M. STEWART, Dyffryn, 123, Thurlow Park Road, Dulwich, Honorary Secretary.

SOUTH-EASTERN BRANCH: NORWOOD DIVISION.—A meeting of this Division will take place at the Queen's Hotel, Upper Norwood, on Thursday, May 10th, at 4 p.m., Henry Hetley, M.D., of Upper Norwood, in the chair. Agenda: (1) Minutes of last meeting. (2) To decide when and where the next meeting shall be held, and to nominate a member to take the chair thereat. (3) Draft of proposed Royal Charter (vide SUPPLEMENT to the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL, March 24th, 1906).—H. J. PRANGLEY, Anerley, S.E., Honorary Secretary.

SOUTH-EASTERN BRANCH: REIGATE DIVISION.—A meeting will be held at the Cottage Hospital, Redhill, on Thursday, May 17th, at 3.30 p.m., to elect a Representative of the Division and to consider other Association business. Mr. James Berry, B.S., M.B.Lond., F.R.C.S.Eng., Surgeon to the Royal Free Hospital, will open a discussion on Urinary Surgery. Members wishing to show specimens or patients are requested to communicate at once with the Honorary Secretary, W. A. BERRIDGE, 158, Station Road, Redhill.

SOUTH-EASTERN OF IRELAND BRANCH.—The annual meeting of this Branch will be held at the Victoria Hotel, Kilkenny, on May 2nd, at 12 noon. Agenda: (1) To receive annual report of Branch; (2) to elect officers; (3) motion by Honorary Secretary to have a code of ethical rules adopted by Branch; (4) any other business. Members are requested to notify their intention of reading papers.—J. QUIRKE, M.D., Piltown, Honorary Secretary.

SOUTH MIDLAND BRANCH.—In accordance with the by-laws, nominations of a member of Central Council to represent this Branch must reach me on or before May 12th.—E. HARRIES JONES, Honorary Secretary, 45, Sheep Street, Northampton.

STAFFORDSHIRE BRANCH.—The third general meeting of the session will be held at the Victoria Hotel, Wolverhampton, on Thursday, May 10th. The President, Dr. G. S. Hatton, will take the chair at 3.30 p.m. Business: (1) Minutes of the last general meeting. (2) Correspondence. (3) Exhibition of Living Cases. (4) Paper, B. Cridland: Some Remarks on the Treatment of Squint. (5) Paper, E. Deanesly: A Survey of Surgical Work in a Provincial General Hospital. (6) Exhibition of Pathological Specimens, etc. A dinner will be arranged for 6.30 p.m. (charge 5s.), should a sufficient number of names be sent in.—G. PETGRAVE JOHNSON, Stoke-on-Trent, Honorary General Secretary.

ULSTER BRANCH.—The spring meeting of this Branch will be held in Derry on Saturday, May 5th. Members having any communications to make to the meeting will please send particulars not later than April 24th.—CECIL SHAW, M.D., Belfast, Honorary Secretary.

WEST SOMERSET BRANCH.—In accordance with the resolution passed at the spring meeting last month, a special meeting will be held at the Taunton and Somerset Hospital on Tuesday, May 8th, when the President, Mr. Gordon Henry, will take the chair at 3.45 p.m., to discuss the proposed application for a Royal Charter for the British Medical Association, and other business if necessary. Details of the proposed Charter will be found in the SUPPLEMENT to the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL of March 24th.—W. B. WINCKWORTH, Taunton, Honorary Secretary.

## GRANTS FOR SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH.

THE Council of the British Medical Association desires to remind members of the profession engaged in researches for the advancement of medicine and the allied sciences that it is prepared to receive applications for grants in aid of such research. Applications for sums to be granted, which must reach this office not later than May 31st, must include details of the precise character and objects of the research which is proposed, and must be made on forms to be had of the General Secretary, at the office of the Association, 429, Strand, London.

Every recipient is required to furnish to the Science Committee, on or before May 31st following upon the allotment of the grant, a report (or, if the object of the grant be not then attained, an interim report to be renewed at the same date in each subsequent year until a final report can be furnished) containing: (*a*) A brief statement for the Report of the Science Committee, showing the results arrived at, or the stage which the inquiry has reached; (*b*) a general statement of the expenditure incurred, accompanied, so far as is possible, with vouchers; (*c*) and references to any Transactions, Journals, or other publications in which the results of the research have been printed.

The work of the Grantees shall be subject to inspection.

### RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIPS.

The Council of the British Medical Association is prepared to receive applications for three Research Scholarships, each of the value of £150 per annum, tenable for one year, and subject to renewal by the Council, provided the whole term of office has not exceeded three years.

The scholarships exist for the encouragement of research in Anatomy, Physiology, Pathology, Bacteriology, State Medicine, Clinical Medicine, and Clinical Surgery.

The Scholars' work shall be subject to inspection.

Applications for Scholarships must be made on forms to be had of the General Secretary, and returned on or before May 31st.

### ERNEST HART RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIP.

The Council of the British Medical Association is also prepared to receive applications for the Ernest Hart Memorial Scholarship of the value of £200 per annum, tenable for one year, but subject to renewal by the Council for another year. The Scholarship is for the study of some subject in the department of State Medicine.

N.B.—Applications for Scholarships and Grants should, as a rule, be accompanied by a recommendation from the head of the laboratory in which the applicant proposes to work, setting out the fitness of the candidate to conduct such work, and the probable value of the work to be undertaken. This is not intended, however, to prevent applications for Grants in aid of work which need not be performed in a recognized laboratory.

GUY ELLISTON, *General Secretary.*

429, Strand,
*April, 1906.*

# British Medical Association.—*Annual Reports of Branches.*

[By-law 9: ". . . . every Branch shall furnish to the Council of the Association not later than March 15th, a report of its proceedings during the previous year, a statement of its numbers, and a financial statement in such form as the Council may from time to time prescribe."]

| BRANCH. | MEMBERSHIP. | | FINANCIAL STATEMENT. | | | | | | MEETINGS. | | | | | | REPORTS OF PROCEEDINGS AND REMARKS. |
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| **BIRMINGHAM** ... ... | 557 | 507 | 9 10 1 | — | 97 4 0 | 91 18 4 | 14 15 9 | — | 7 | 13 | — | 1 | 37½ | 8 | A grant not exceeding 1s. per head per member was made to each Division, and found to be insufficient in the cases of the Central and the Coventry Divisions. A supplementary grant was therefore made of £10 11s. 8d. to the Central and of £3 0s. 6d. to the Coventry to clear off their arrears. The balance in the hands of the Honorary Treasurer at the end of the year is £5 1s. 8d., as against a balance of £9 10s. 1d. the previous year. This shows that the excess of income over expenditure, as shown on the year's working, has decreased, and that the margin is insufficient to meet any extraordinary expenditure, from whatever cause arising. The Branch Council is of opinion that the scheme lately approved by it—namely, of returning any surplus to, and receiving any deficit from, head quarters—would be a solution of the difficulty, and preferable to a *general* increase of grant throughout the kingdom. |
| **BORDER COUNTIES** ... | 147 | 150 | 10 4 11 | — | 29 0 0 | 29 17 1 | 9 13 10 | — | 3 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 20 | 7 | The position in which a local nursing association with reference to the working of the Midwives Act was carefully considered and the action of its Committee of Management controlled satisfactorily by the intervention of the Branch. |
| **CAMBRIDGE AND HUNTINGDON** | 156 | 152 | 26 14 1 | — | 30 14 0 | 22 5 0 | 35 3 1 | — | 3 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 25 | 6 | At one meeting the East Anglians were entertained as guests by members of this Branch. |
| **DORSET AND WEST HANTS** | 203 | 219 | 32 9 10 | — | 43 3 8 | 33 16 11 | 41 16 7 | — | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 39 | 4 | The members of the Branch, being well over 200, are entitled to a separate Representative on the Central Council. Owing to the fact that the Treasurer of the Branch has changed hands during the year, and also the Secretaries of the Divisions (the Annual Meeting being held in May), there has been great difficulty in allocating the separate items, although, all payments having been made by cheque, there has been no difficulty as to the total receipts and payments. The sum of £10 10s. was voted as memorial to the late Secretary and Treasurer, Dr. Lush, in recognition of his long services and the manner in which he had hoarded up the funds, probably more than this being due to him. |
| **DUNDEE** ... ... ... | 109 | 109 | 12 1 2 | — | 21 12 6 | 22 15 8 | 10 18 0 | — | 8 | 1 | 7 | 1 | 12 | 8 | —— |
| **EAST ANGLIAN** ... ... | 420 | 415 | 24 9 1 | — | 83 10 0 | 64 11 6 | 43 7 7 | — | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 60 | 4 | —— |
| **EAST YORK AND NORTH LINCOLN** | 140 | 140 | 26 12 8 | — | 28 8 0 | 32 12 8 | 22 8 0 | — | 1 | | | 1 | 33 | 1 | —— |
| **EDINBURGH** ... ... ... | 414 | 432 | 75 9 8 | — | 84 18 0 | 63 18 9 | 96 8 11 | — | 3 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 100 | 5 | Both clinical meetings of the Branch were most successful. |
| **FIFE** ... ... ... .. | 74 | 76 | 15 2 7 | — | 15 9 1 | 4 9 3 | 26 2 5 | — | 1 | | 1 | | 12 | 2 | The Honorary Secretary issued in the early part of the year 33 circulars in the form recommended by head quarters to non-members with reference to their joining the Association, but the response has not been cheering, as only one election of members has followed. The Council met twice and elected 4 new members. An account of the proceedings at the Annual Meeting has already appeared in the SUPPLEMENT. |

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| **GLASGOW AND WEST OF SCOTLAND** | 653 | 666 | 124 7 10 | — | 153 10 9 | 88 6 0 | 189 12 7 | — | — | — | — | — | — | | —— |
| **LANCASHIRE & CHESHIRE** | 1,386 | 1,601 | 298 12 7 | — | 323 14 0 | 180 15 6 | 441 11 1 | — | — | — | — | — | — | | —— |
| **LEINSTER** ... ... ... ... | 338 | 310 | 21 3 4½ | — | 66 0 6 | 63 0 2 | 24 3 8½ | — | 1 | — | — | 1 | 33 | 5 | The Branch has dealt locally with the work of the formation of the Irish Committee, and the question of fees paid to medical officers by Irish Lights Commissioners and Admiralty, besides other routine work. |
| **METROPOLITAN COUNTIES** | 2,539 | 2,589 | 558 10 6 | — | 527 6 10 | 355 3 5 | 730 13 11 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | —— |
| **MIDLAND** ... ... ... ... | 510 | 546 | 55 15 3 | — | 108 19 9 | 93 2 0 | 71 13 0 | — | 1 | — | — | — | 23 | 4 | In 1905 the whole energies of the Branch were given to the annual meeting of the Association held within its area at Leicester. |
| **MUNSTER** ... ... ... ... | 103 | 109 | 31 7 8 | — | 22 2 0 | 10 12 3 | 42 17 5 | — | 4 | — | 4 | — | 16 | 2 | At the general meeting of the Branch Dr. D. J. O'Connor was elected Representative of the Branch on the Irish Committee. |
| **NORTH OF ENGLAND** ... | 509 | 645 | 95 9 8 | — | 125 16 0 | 133 9 8 | 87 16 0 | — | 4 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 35 | 5 | The Branch is doing all it can to make itself indispensable to every member of the profession. We have organized two county Committees to take over the work of the Durham and Northumberland County Medical Union, which we have absorbed. This work, which necessitates paid secretaries (who are solicitors) is expensive, but absolutely essential in this district if we are to live up to our ideal. We have, therefore, opened a new voluntary fund, called the Branch Defence Fund, to meet these new expenses, and to carry on the work of protecting our members engaged in the various forms of contract practice. Will the Central Council allow the call for annual subscriptions to this fund to be placed on the notice sent from head quarters? We are at present engaged in fighting the Northumberland miners, or some of them, who wish the medical men engaged in colliery practice to take a reduction in their fees. The Branch is grateful to the Central Council and to the Editor of the JOURNAL for much help received, but would like to warn the Central Council that it may become necessary for us to approach it for an extra grant under the powers given by the last Representative Meeting, as we find the 4s. grant will be quite insufficient for fighting or protective purposes. As our Divisions become more active they alone will absorb most of the 4s. |
| **NORTHERN COUNTIES OF SCOTLAND** | 118 | 124 | 2 11 4 | — | 22 14 0 | 14 0 0 | 11 5 4 | — | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 30 | 4 | The question of medical defence was again discussed at the annual meeting, when 18 voted for the motion that the Association should not undertake medical defence, while only 3 voted in favour of its doing so. The other questions discussed were advertising of medical practitioners in connexion with hydropathic establishments, ambulance work, medical inspection of schools, and the question of fees paid by police authorities to medical men in emergency cases. No questions of local interest came up for discussion. |
| **NORTH LANCASHIRE AND SOUTH WESTMORLAND** | 135 | 128 | 18 12 6 | — | 26 15 2 | 6 8 0 | 38 19 8 | — | 3 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 32 | 4 | The Branch is working satisfactorily. The meetings have been well attended, and much interest has been taken in the subjects under discussion. Mr. Stephen Paget very kindly delivered an address on Aural Cases in General Practice, which was published in the JOURNAL. The Furness Division reports that the members have found the organization a source of great strength in the negotiation with the clubs. The Lancaster Division explains that nearly all the men resigning are retiring from practice. |

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| NORTH WALES ... ... ... | 186 | 185 | — | 1 12 5 | 37 4 0 | 34 11 2 | 1 0 5 | — | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 23 | 3 | During the year the Branch was separated from the Shropshire and Mid-Wales Branch, resuming its former title of the North Wales Branch. The Divisions held regular meetings, and the matters referred to them from the Central Council were duly considered. |
| OXFORD AND READING ... | 234 | 285 | 66 11 5 | — | 57 4 0 | 35 6 2 | 88 9 3 | — | 1 | 1 | — | 1 | — | 1 | —— |
| PERTH ... ... ... ... | 60 | 63 | 20 12 10 | — | 10 18 10 | 7 2 0 | 24 9 8 | — | 4 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 8 | 2 | —— |
| SHROPSHIRE & MID-WALES | 120 | 127 | — | — | 29 18 6 | 15 3 6 | 14 5 0 | — | 2 | 2 | — | 2 | 28 | 2 | —— |
| SOUTH-EASTERN ... ... | 1,225 | 1,212 | 258 5 8½ | — | 245 17 0 | 103 7 8 | 397 15 0½ | — | 1 | — | 1 | 1 | 13 | 4 | The question of dividing the Branch was referred to the Divisions and the majority were opposed to any such division. It was resolved at the annual meeting of the Branch that the Honorary Secretaries of Divisions should be *ex-officio* members of the Branch Council. The Branch Council resolved that the travelling expenses of members of the Branch Council attending the meeting of the Council should be paid by the Branch. The question of the payment of fees to medical men in Kent called in by the police in emergency cases is receiving the attention of the Council. |
| SOUTH-EASTERN OF IRELAND | 67 | 68 | 3 10 9 | — | 11 8 0 | 11 7 3 | 3 11 6 | — | 7 | 2 | 3 | 5 | 8.1 | 2 | —— |
| SOUTH MIDLAND ... ... | 222 | 197 | 34 5 0 | — | 45 7 6 | 30 14 6 | 48 18 0 | — | 2 | 2 | — | 2 | 22½ | 2 | —— |
| SOUTH WALES AND MONMOUTHSHIRE | 447 | 476 | 65 14 6½ | — | 91 14 0 | 94 5 2 | 63 3 4½ | — | 3 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 40 | 8 | During the past year the Branch Council has given very full consideration to the question of the conditions of Contract Practice, and has organized, for the purpose of dealing with this question, a standing Branch Contract Practice Committee. This Committee has met, and now has under its consideration the raising of an Emergency Fund to meet expenses incurred, and to assist members who may suffer loss by their loyalty to the Rules of the Branch. In the early part of the year the Branch Council had under its consideration the question of the Abergwynfi Colliery Workmen's Medical Society. They confirmed the action taken by the Cardiff Division, and appointed a small Subcommittee to meet the Workmen's Committee. A settlement was effected on the Association's terms. In July the Council was called upon by the Executive of the Newport Division to express its opinion upon some points in the dispute with the Ebbw Vale Workmen's Committee, especially with regard to the rate of remuneration to be demanded, as this might affect the Branch as a whole. Resolutions were passed insisting upon the creation of a Guarantee Fund for the salaries of the medical staff, and upon a sufficient stoppage out of the wages to provide adequate salaries per annum. No definite poundage rate was mentioned. In connexion with the Abertysswg dispute, it was resolved: "That this Branch Council cannot encourage any new scheme on the bases of fixed salaries and control by committees in any part of South Wales." The Branch Council desires to record its appreciation of the services rendered to them in connexion with the organization of the Contract Practice Committee, and in the Ebbw Vale, and other disputes by Mr. J. Smith Whitaker. |

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| **SOUTH-WESTERN** ... ... | 411 | 419 | 78 0 10 | — | 83 4 0 | 76 0 4 | 85 4 6 | — | 5 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 36 | 6 | The policy of the Branch is, as it has been in the past, to keep the Branch meetings principally for the discussion of scientific matters, leaving as far as possible to the Divisions the questions concerning medico-politics and kindred matters. The Branch Council guarantees the payment of Division expenses up to an amount not exceeding 2s. per head per annum. The majority of the Divisions have kept well within this so far, and one Division (Barnstaple) has been assisted by an extra grant (during 1905) over and above the capitation grant allowed by the Branch Council. A Code of Rules to regulate procedure in ethical matters was adopted, having received the sanction of the Central Council. The Branch Council drew up a scale of fees for the guidance of practitioners in regard to the inspection and supervision of midwives under the provisions of the Midwives Act of 1902. The Branch Council sanctioned the petition of the Newton Abbot Division that henceforth this Division should be called "Torquay Division." |
| **STAFFORDSHIRE** ... ... | 194 | 194 | 36 18 9 | — | 37 8 0 | 17 17 2 | 56 9 7 | — | 4 | 4 | 0 | 3 | 20 | 4 | —— |
| **STIRLING** ... ... ... | 64 | 67 | 7 15 4 | — | 12 14 0 | 8 3 10 | 12 5 6 | — | 2 | — | 2 | — | 5 | 2 | —— |
| **ULSTER** ... ... ... | 371 | 364 | 65 10 8 | — | 73 3 6 | 66 6 3 | 72 7 11 | — | 5 | 5 | — | 1 | 45 | 6 | —— |
| **WEST SOMERSET** ... ... | 76 | 71 | 25 8 10 | — | 15 6 6 | 6 5 2 | 34 10 2 | — | 4 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 15½ | 3 | —— |
| **WORCESTERSHIRE AND HEREFORDSHIRE** | 118 | 125 | 24 5 3 | — | 24 0 6 | 13 14 0 | 34 11 9 | — | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 15 | 2 | The Gloucestershire Branch will elect a member of the Council for the ensuing three years. |
| **YORKSHIRE** ... ... ... | 776 | 770 | 139 4 3 | — | 150 7 3 | 77 15 6 | 211 16 0 | — | 3 | — | — | 3 | 38 | 4 | At the request of a number of medical men in the Richmond Division, they have left the Yorkshire Branch, and have joined the Darlington Division of the North of England Branch. The Branch Council again regrets that the Divisions take so little interest in the work of the Association. With the exception of Bradford and Scarborough very few meetings have been held. Huddersfield reports complete loss of interest in the Division. The Committee of the Wakefield and Doncaster Division decided at their annual meeting last June not to elect officers or call any more meetings owing to the apathy of the members of the Division. This was represented to the Medical Secretary, and arrangements were made for him to address meetings of the Wakefield and Huddersfield Divisions. No report has been received from the Halifax Division. The Council suggest that if possible arrrngements be made by the Divisions to have during the year two or three conjoint meetings with the local medical societies. |
| **COLONIAL BRANCHES.** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **BERMUDA**... ... ... ... | 14 | 14 | 2 8 0 | — | 2 0 0 | 0 1 6 | 4 6 6 | — | 3 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 8 | — | The matters of local interest considered were a Medical Registration Act, 1905, and Public Health Act, 1905. Two of the meetings held were for the purpose of discussing the Bill providing for medical registration in this Colony. |
| **BRISBANE & QUEENSLAND** | 131 | 142 | 114 12 5 | — | 329 8 3 | 241 7 3 | 202 13 5 | — | 12 | 12 | — | — | 15 | 11 | —— |

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| BRITISH GUIANA ... ... | 32 | 31 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 3 | 2 | — | — | 6 | 3 | Financial statement under revision. At the last annual meeting it was decided not to supply light refreshment, as the meetings will in all probability take place at the Public Hospital, where there will be no hiring of rooms. |
| BURMAH ... ... ... ... | 34 | 41 | 59 5 4 (Rupees 889) | — | 57 9 4 (Rupees 862) | 35 2 0 (Rupees 526) | 81 12 8 (Rupees 1,224) | — | 13 | 13 | 13 | — | 13 | 2 | During the year the question of the housing of the immigrant coolie population was raised, and the Sanitary Commissioner to the Government of Burmah was addressed on the subject, particularly with reference to the epidemics of plague and small-pox. A reply was received stating that steps were being taken in this matter by the Health Officer, Rangoon Municipality. The question of improvement of the condition of nurses in Burmah was also raised, but no definite conclusion was arrived at. The meetings are practically entirely devoted to clinical work, except so far as they are social gatherings. There is practically nothing of an ethical or medico-political nature about any of the discussions. |
| CAPE OF GOOD HOPE (EASTERN PROVINCE) | 85 | 89 | 23 3 11 | — | 17 11 6 | 16 9 8 | 24 5 9 | — | 6 | 6 | 7 | — | 9.5 | 6 | The most noteworthy event of 1905 has been the fission of the Grahamstown Division, hitherto identical with the Eastern Province Branch, into two smaller Divisions. Of these one remains—the Grahamstown Division; the other, whose area was most amicably agreed upon, becomes the East London Division. |
| CAPE OF GOOD HOPE (WESTERN PROVINCE) | 142 | 160 | 102 4 10 | — | 27 10 0 | 30 6 1 | 99 17 9 | — | 8 | 8 | 4 | 1 | 20 | 9 | The Committee for advancing medical science reported: (1) That a Clinical Committee be appointed, which should make, in conjunction with the President, the necessary arrangements for holding clinical and pathological meetings at the hospitals or elsewhere. (2) That an annual lecture be delivered in Capetown under the auspices of the Branch, with as long a notice as possible, and possibly a small endowment; the arrangements to be under the control of the Council of the Branch, with power to select the lecturer. (3) That the Branch recognizes the imperative necessity of providing permanent rooms for the Branch suitable for library, reading room, and meeting room; that the expense of equipment be met out of the surplus funds of the Branch, and the maintenance by an increased subscription from local members. (4) That a Post-Graduate Committee be formed to organize a scheme of post-graduate lectures such as may be thought suitable. (5) That the annual meeting be followed by a dinner. (6) That the Committee, while of opinion that the time had not yet arrived for promoting a complete scheme of medical education, recommends to the Branch that cordial support be given to the South African College in its proposal to found Chairs of Anatomy and Physiology. (7) That the Committee ask the Branch to discuss the reformation of a South African Medical Association. The holding of appointments under Associations that canvass for patients, and involving the making of profits by laymen through medical services, has been considered to be unethical by this Branch. Organization of medical aid to the poor was considered unnecessary. Evidence *re* amendments *re* Medical Acts was given before a Select Committee. The Public Health Acts Amendment Bill was considered seriatim, with recommendations. Colonel Bruce appointed Representative of Eastern and Western Branches on the Central Council. |

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| GRIQUALAND WEST ... | 109 | 104 | — | — | — | — | 53 6 8 | — | 2 | — | — | — | — | 2 | The reason why so few meetings have been held is due to the small number of local members who used to be present at the meetings; now, however, I am endeavouring to increase our local membership, and to induce country members to attend the meetings. Although our membership is large, yet it must be remembered that it is practically scattered all over South Africa. |
| HONG KONG AND CHINA | 97 | 91 | $287 62/100 | — | $203 08/100 | 60 | $433 70/100 | — | 4 | 4 | — | 1 | 17 | 4 | —— |
| MALAYA ... ... ... | 71 | 85 | $83 89/100 | — | $540 92/100 | $322 47/100 | $302 34/100 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | Several meetings have been held by the Singapore Division at which many scientific papers were read. The annual meeting of the Branch was held at Penang, in addition to which nine meetings of the Penang Division have been held, at which there was an average attendance of 8 . There were several interesting debates on matters connected with Public Health, Medical Etiquette, Treatment of the Poor, the Medical Registration Bill, etc. During the year a Medical School has been instituted to the Senate of which the Branch was invited to send a Representative, which it did. The Council can leave the future of the Branch in the hands of its members without misgiving. |
| MALTA & MEDITERRANEAN | 54 | 57 | 19 13 5 | — | 4 12 0 | 1 0 6 | 23 4 11 | — | 5 | 2 | 3 | — | 14 | — | —— |
| MELBOURNE & VICTORIA | 209 | 187 | 230 17 10 | — | *337 14 0 | *309 7 7 | 259 4 3 | — | 10 | 10 | — | 2 | 12 | 13 | The following questions of local interest have been discussed: (1) Action of coroner in cautioning, without any justifiable cause, medical man in case of death from chloroform; (2) new Dentists Act; (3) new Medical Act (both Acts passed by Parliament). It is very likely that during this year the Medical Society of Victoria will amalgamate with us and have their one large Society over 500 strong.<br>*This contains special subscriptions in addition to capitation grant. |
| SOUTH AUSTRALIAN... ... | 126 | 147 | 169 0 10 | — | *295 1 10 | *273 3 4 | 188 19 4 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | Our monthly meetings continue to be well attended, and our finances are in a satisfactory condition. Two representatives of the Branch (Drs. Brummitt and Cudmore) were elected to the newly-formed Dental Board of S.A. The most important event of the year was the holding of the Seventh Session of the Australasian Medical Congress in Adelaide, and since its close the Branch has formally thanked the President of Congress, Professor E. C. Stirling, C.M.G., F.R.S., and congratulated him on the success of the meeting. Several scientific papers were read at the meetings during the year.<br>*This contains other subscriptions in excess of capitation grant. |
| SOUTH INDIAN & MADRAS | 135 | 143 | 73 2 6 (Rupees 1,096) | — | 34 5 5 | 13 5 11 | 94 2 0 (Rupees 1,429) | — | 7 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 20 | 1 | At the November meeting Lieutenant-Colonel J. L. van Geyzel read a paper on Madras drainage. |

## PROPOSED ROYAL CHARTER.

A conjoint meeting of the Chelsea, Lambeth, Richmond, Wandsworth, and Westminster Divisions of the Metropolitan Counties Branch and of the Croydon and Norwood Divisions of the South-Eastern Branch of the British Medical Association was held at the Battersea Town Hall on April 19th, under the chairmanship of Dr. J. H. Galton, to consider the proposed application for a Royal Charter for the British Medical Association, the draft of which was published in the Supplement to the British Medical Journal of March 24th.

Mr. T. Jenner Verrall, Chairman of the Central Organization Committee, gave a brief explanation of the draft. The Explanatory Memorandum accompanying the draft Charter had been prepared by the Organization Committee at the request of the Central Council of the Association, in accordance with the directions of the Representative Meeting at Leicester. He invited those present to ask questions concerning the draft Charter, and pointed out that the Charter was drawn up on the lines of the old constitution of the Association. Scarcely any new matter had been included except in regard to subjects concerning which specific directions had been received that they were to be included. The duty of the Committee therefore was practically, with the aid of counsel, to draft a Charter in proper form, taking care that everything was included that it was intended the Charter should contain. Mr. Verrall then rela' ' the history of the circumstances that had led up to the proposal for a Royal Charter, and observed that the prime mover in the matter was the Association itself. The Representative Meeting of the Association had directed that an alteration of the Memorandum of the Association should be undertaken; but when the Council proceeded to carry that out, they were told by Mr. Beaufort Palmer, the counsel consulted, that it would be a much better plan to apply for a Royal Charter. That advice was reported to the Representative Meeting at Leicester, and it was decided that a Royal Charter should be applied for. Mr. Verrall then described the advantages to be gained by a Charter, and commented on the reasons why it would not have met the difficulties of the question if the Association were to be wound up and a new company formed. One great reason in favour of a Royal Charter was that certain objects could be included as possible to be undertaken by the Association, such as benevolent schemes for which there was little chance of obtaining the sanction of the Board of Trade if included in any fresh Memorandum. In proposing a Royal Charter, the Association was aiming at greater freedom of action in the future, and Mr. Verrall explained how, in the opinion of counsel, this was to be obtained not only by the definition in the Charter of the objects of the Association, but also by giving facility for altering the regulations. Mr. Verrall dealt with the question of the difficulties in securing a Charter, and stated that the opinion had been formed that these difficulties were not likely to be insuperable. He then discussed the form of the draft, its division into the Charter proper, Ordinances, and By-laws, and pointed out that the Ordinances contained those matters upon which it was especially desirable the Association should not form too precipitate a judgement. That safeguard would be secured by reason of the fact that the Ordinances, as distinguished from the By-laws, could not be changed without the consent of the Privy Council. In addition to the fresh subjects which the Representative Meeting had specifically directed to be included, provision had been made for giving the Colonial Branches greater freedom in regard to subscriptions, as it had been frequently pointed out that it was not possible in the Colonies to carry out all the work on the same subscription as sufficed at home. One important point Mr. Verrall wished to emphasize was that the power of referendum possessed by the Council was retained under the Charter, although the control exercised by the Privy Council might have been supposed to be sufficient to take the place of the referendum; nevertheless it was thought well, in the interests of the more conservatively-inclined members, to retain the referendum so as to secure every possible check upon precipitate action. As to the cost of procuring the Charter, it had been pointed out by the Solicitor to the Association that the later stages of the proceeding were the most difficult to estimate, and it was not possible at present to form any very certain opinion on the point. Mr. Verrall concluded by reminding the meeting that under the present democratic form of constitution the Association must decide the matter entirely for itself. It was the Association that had first started the movement, and the officials, honorary and other, had only carried out the behests of the Association, so that the final responsibility of determining whether the answer to the question of obtaining a Charter was to be "yea" or "nay" rested with the individual members of the British Medical Association.

The Chairman then stated that the procedure to be followed was that those present should raise any point of difficulty that might occur to them. Any resolutions that might be proposed would be put to the vote at the conclusion of the discussion, after Mr. J. S. Whitaker, the Medical Secretary, had delivered his supplementary address explaining the difficulties that were raised. The Chairman also commented on the inclusion of medical defence and medical agency work in the objects clause of the proposed Charter and urged the meeting to give most serious consideration to these matters.

Dr. Crookshank inquired whether the inclusion of medical defence, medical agency, and other matters in the objects clause meant that those would be undertaken at once by the Association if the Charter were obtained.

With the leave of the meeting, Mr. Whitaker explained that the inclusion of those matters in the objects clause merely placed it in the power of the Association to undertake such work when it might think proper, but even after the granting of the Charter such new work could not be taken up without a definite vote of the Association.

Dr. Fothergill, after welcoming the precedent set by so many Divisions uniting to discuss important matters affecting the whole Association, reminded the meeting that, as the Representative Meeting at Leicester had by a vote of more than 4 to 1 approved of the suggestion that a Charter should be applied for, the discussion could hardly get away from that fact. The desire was for greater freedom; and opportunity to extend the usefulness of the Association gradually, and as thought desirable. This could be done only under a comprehensive Charter. He regretted that the Memorandum issued had not made the best of the case by concisely stating the nine or ten additional objects it was desired to include. After naming these, he stated that the keynote of the Charter should be to put the Representative Meeting in the right place as the Final Court of Appeal. In his opinion the principles that should be kept in view were shortly, that the Divisions should be paramount; the Representative body their mouthpiece; the Central Council being solely an executive body of the Representatives; the Branch Councils only existing when and under conditions desired by a coterie of Divisions, and to be their local organizing centre, getting their power from these Divisions; and not in any way acting as the master of those Divisions. In criticizing the details of the Charter, Ordinances, and By-laws, these principles should be borne in mind. He then asked several questions with regard to the various clauses in the Charter, pointing out what he suggested were desirable amendments.

Dr. Capes, Dr. Bernard O'Connor and Dr. Belilios also submitted various questions.

Dr. Burgess observed that medical defence was carried out at the present time by people who were well fitted for the task, and nothing could be better than the way in which they did the work. He was opposed to the Association taking up medical defence. It also seemed to him that the sale of medical practices was dirty work for the Association to undertake.

Dr. L. Williams expressed his concurrence with the views of the last speaker.

Dr. Hugh Woods, Secretary of the London and Counties Medical Protection Society, contended that it was better for the Association to apply for a Charter than to attempt to alter the Memorandum of the Association. There was a sentimental value in a Charter, because thereby the Association would be on a higher plane than it would be as merely a limited company. He advocated the approval of the proposal to procure a Charter.

Dr. Hugo asked for an explanation of the large powers contained in Clause 12 of the Draft Charter.

Dr. McManus said that in his view the Association

should look after the medical man from his cradle to the grave, and his family as well. Medical defence should be taken up by the Association because it was notorious that the present Defence Associations had not the funds to fight a big case through to the House of Lords. He would like to see the sale of practices taken out of the hands of the present agencies and put on a sound commercial basis. He strongly supported the view that a Charter should be applied for.

Dr. WALKER then expressed his opinion that the word "may" should be eliminated from the Charter, and the word "shall" substituted.

Dr. O'SULLIVAN drew attention to the provisions for the election of members of the Central Council by the Representative Meeting, which he considered to be defective, inasmuch as they were elected for one year only; this would not afford sufficient time for experience to be gained. He thought that the period should be three years.

Mr. J. S. WHITAKER, the Medical Secretary, then delivered a supplementary address in explanation of the questions raised, and pointed out that, as regards the question raised by Dr. O'Sullivan, the Charter followed exactly the present regulations of the Association. It would be possible for a Division, in considering the draft Charter, to suggest any alterations in this respect that it might think proper, but the Organization Committee had had no instructions from the Representative Meeting to make the Charter different in this respect from the present regulations. Dr. Fothergill and other speakers had asked what were the advantages to be expected from the proposed Royal Charter, and it had been said that the Explanatory Memorandum in the SUPPLEMENT to the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL of March 4th, 1906, was unsatisfactory from that point of view. It must be remembered, however, that in drawing up that Memorandum it was necessary in the one document to meet and anticipate all difficulties that might arise, not only concerning one section of members, but all. Dr. Fothergill, for example, had given much time and thought to the matter, and therefore might think explanations unnecessary which others would desire, such as the history of the circumstances which had led up to the present application. The opinion received from Mr. Fischer Williams which Dr. Fothergill considered ought to have been included in the history had been published in the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL in full, and could be referred to when required. With regard to the advantages to be gained by obtaining a Royal Charter, the whole of Section II of the Explanatory Memorandum dealt with the advantages of incorporation under a Charter. These were specified under four separate headings: the first was the wider definition of the objects of the Association; the second was the greater freedom of action; the third was the extension of the representative principle; and the fourth was the alterations of regulations under a Charter. Concerning the fourth heading, the Organization Committee was bound by the resolution of the Representative Meeting at Leicester. The Committee had not been directed to recast the regulations, and it would have exceeded its duty if it had suggested such alterations. The Divisions of the Association might recast the regulations in any way they might think proper, but it was not the duty of the Organization Committee to do so. As far as possible the present framework of the Association had been retained. The financial statement for 1905 had not been circulated, because it was not ready at the time the Explanatory Memorandum was published. It had first to be submitted to the Council of the Association at its meeting on April 18th. Replying to Dr. Fothergill's question concerning the power of the Association to assign funds to others for carrying on work instead of doing it itself, Dr. Whitaker pointed out that that was provided for in the clause setting forth the objects of the Association. In Paragraph VIII of the second subclause of the part of the Draft Charter dealing with the objects of the Association it was provided that the Association

> may establish, endow, contribute to, organize and manage provident or benevolent funds for the benefit or assistance of members of the Association or of the medical profession and their families or dependents.

Dr. Fothergill and others had raised the difficulty that under a Charter it might be necessary to publish alterations of the regulations in the *London Gazette*, but the Solicitor of the Association had definitely ascertained at the Privy Council office that this was not required. The only publication necessary would be the fact that the Association had applied for the Charter; in any case all proposed alterations of the regulations of the Association were as a matter of fact published in the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL, and were therefore made known as widely as if they were published in the *London Gazette*. It had been pointed out that life assurance appeared to be covered by the definition of the objects of the Association, and that the contemplated subscription would be insufficient for such a purpose. As had already been stated, however, in answer to other questions, the inclusion of insurance, medical benevolent work, medical defence, or medical agency within the scope of the defined objects of the Association did not necessarily mean that the Association would take up any of those departments of work. None of them could, in fact, be taken up without a vote of the Association specifically deciding the point, and if the Association should at any time decide, for example, to take up life assurance, one of the matters then arising for consideration would be the provision of such additional subscription as might be necessary for the purpose. Attention had been drawn to the distinction between the home and the Colonial Divisions and Branches as regards the power to levy extra subscriptions. The reason for the distinction was simply that several Colonial Branches had intimated their desire for this power, which appeared necessary to meet their special requirements, whereas there had been up to the present no indication of such a need or such a desire in the case of the home Divisions or Branches. If they should desire it, it would be, of course, within their power to modify the regulations accordingly. The advisability of procuring a new Memorandum instead of applying for a Charter had been raised by Dr. Bernard O'Connor. The answer was that the Association under a Charter would be free from the trammelling restrictions of the High Court; under a Charter the Association would enjoy much greater freedom than as a limited company. The question of going to the High Court to change the present objects, Clause (3) in the Memorandum had been raised by Dr. Bernard O'Connor. It had to be remembered, however, that that clause was the only one that could be altered. Part of the difficulty lay in Clause 4 of the Memorandum, and that clause was unalterable even by the High Court, its powers only applying to the objects Clause (3). Clause 4 contained the conditions on which the Board of Trade gave a right to the Association to dispense with the word "limited," and it prevented any part of the funds of the Association being applied for the benefit of individual members except for services rendered. Even if a new Company were formed, the Board of Trade was, in Mr. Beaufort Palmer's opinion, unlikely to pass any clauses giving the Association all the powers required. A certain paragraph in the history of the circumstances leading up to the present application for a Charter was criticized by Dr. Bernard O'Connor as being incomplete. The answer was that the history was a mere recital of the events leading up to the consideration of the matter by the Representative Meeting last year. That meeting having before it in full all the information now summarized, decided by a four or five to one majority that it was advisable to apply for a Charter, and instructed the Council accordingly. He had been asked by Dr. O'Connor specifically what were the matters, if any, contemplated in 1904 as desirable for the Association to undertake, which it appeared could only be undertaken under a Charter, which of these, if any, were contemplated in 1901 when the new constitution was under consideration, and why was it not then recognized that it would be necessary to obtain a Charter to carry them out. The answer was that the Representative Meeting at Oxford wished the Association to be free in the future to undertake medical benevolent work, medical defence, medical agency, and other matters of which only medical defence had been definitely contemplated prior to 1901. For medical benevolent work it was clear that the Association could not apply its funds under the present Memorandum of Association, and perhaps not in any way under the Companies Acts. As regards medical defence, the difficulty was one of varying legal advice. In 1901 the Committee that considered the

matter was still under the impression, which the Association had been under since 1896, that the resolutions passed at Birmingham in that year would, if confirmed by the High Court, enable the Association to take up individual defence; but after the Representative Meeting at Oxford in 1904 had directed the Council to have these resolutions again confirmed by general meetings and brought before the High Court, the Council, on taking counsel's opinion, was advised, as was reported to the Representative Meeting at Leicester, that it was very doubtful whether these resolutions would be sufficient for the purpose, and whether an alteration of the Memorandum of Association to carry these out could, in fact, be obtained. These were the new facts upon which the Council passed its resolution *nem. con.*, advising the Representative Meeting to give up the attempt to obtain an alteration of the Memorandum of Association, and instead to proceed to apply for a Charter. It was on this statement by the Council that the meeting, as had already been said, resolved, by a 4 or 5 to 1 majority, that an application for a Charter should be prepared.

In answer to the inquiry as to the effect of Clause 12 of the draft Charter,

Mr. WHITAKER explained that the object of the clause was to provide the machinery by which alterations in the Charter might be obtained, these resting, so far as the Association was concerned, with the Representative Meeting, subject to a Referendum at the discretion of the Council, as in the case of other alterations of the regulations.

The following resolution, proposed by Dr. CROOKSHANK and seconded by Dr. FOTHERGILL, was then put to the meeting and carried unanimously:

> That this meeting of the Divisions, while approving the principle of the Association applying for a Royal Charter, reserves to themselves individually the suggestion of amendments to the scheme submitted.

The next resolution, proposed by Dr. CROOKSHANK and seconded by Dr. FOTHERGILL, was then put to the meeting and carried by 15 votes to 1:

> That it is desirable that the proposed scheme for a Royal Charter be reprinted and issued in the SUPPLEMENT at as early a date as possible, with the suggested alterations and additions sent in by Divisions inserted after the clause each refers to.

The last resolution, proposed by Dr. BURGESS and seconded by Dr. L. WILLIAMS, referring to the clauses concerning medical defence and agency business being undertaken by the Association, was put to the meeting and declared not carried by 18 votes against to 9 in favour:

> That Subsections VI and VII in Section 2 of Clause *b* of the Ordinances be omitted from the Charter as being in every way undesirable.

Hearty votes of thanks to the speakers concluded the meeting.

# Vital Statistics.

### HEALTH OF ENGLISH TOWNS.

IN seventy-six of the largest English towns, including London, 8,332 births and 5,250 deaths were registered during the week ending Saturday last, April 21st. The annual rate of mortality in these towns, which had been 16.9, 17.0, and 17.1 per 1,000 in the three preceding weeks, rose last week to 17.3 per 1,000. The rates in the several towns ranged from 6.9 in Bournemouth, 7.8 in Wolverhampton, 9.3 in Southampton, 9.6 in Tottenham, 9.8 in Handsworth (Staffs.) and in Newport (Mon.), and 10.1 in King's Norton, to 21.1 in Warrington, 21.6 in Merthyr Tydfil, 22.9 in Bootle and in Salford, 23.1 in Tynemouth, 23.2 in Coventry, 23.4 in Middlesbrough, 23.6 in Liverpool, and 25.9 in Burnley. In London the rate of mortality was 19.2 per 1,000, while it averaged 16.5 per 1,000 in the seventy-five other large towns. The death-rate from the principal infectious diseases averaged 1.7 per 1,000 in the seventy-six towns; in London this death-rate was equal to 1.9 per 1,000, while among the seventy-five other large towns the rates ranged upwards to 2.7 in Bury, 3.4 in Bradford, 3.6 in Bristol and in Preston, 4.1 in Liverpool, 4.3 in Walthamstow, and 7.6 in Burnley. Measles caused a death-rate of 1.7 in Bristol, 1.8 in Bury, 1.9 in Newcastle-on-Tyne, 2.0 in Great Yarmouth, 2.4 in Liverpool, 2.7 in Preston, 3.0 in Walthamstow, and 4.6 in Burnley; scarlet fever of 1.2 in Sheffield; diphtheria of 1.3 in Walthamstow and 1.4 in Halifax; whooping-cough of 1.3 in Bristol and in Aston Manor, 1.4 in Merthyr Tydfil, 1.5 in West Bromwich and in Burnley, and 2.0 in Coventry; and diarrhoea of 1.5 in Warrington. The mortality from enteric fever showed no marked excess in any of the large towns. One fatal case of small-pox was registered in Plymouth, but none in any other of the seventy-six towns. The number of small-pox cases under treatment in the Metropolitan Asylums Hospitals, which had been 8, 8, and 7 on the three preceding Saturdays, was again 7 on Saturday last, the 21st inst.; one new case was admitted during the week, against none in each of the three preceding weeks. The number of scarlet fever patients in these hospitals and in the London Fever Hospital at the end of last week was 2,225, against 2,386, 2,322, and 2,301 at the end of the three preceding weeks; 288 new cases were admitted during the week, against 223, 292, and 270 in the three preceding weeks.

### HEALTH OF SCOTCH TOWNS.

DURING the week ending Saturday last, April 21st, 1,104 births and 604 deaths were registered in eight of the principal Scotch towns. The annual rate of mortality in these towns, which had been 18.9, 19.4, and 19.1 per 1,000 in the three preceding weeks, further declined to 17.6 per 1,000 last week, but was 0.3 per 1,000 above the mean rate during the same period in the seventy-six large English towns. Among these Scotch towns the rates ranged from 10.6 in Perth and 13.1 in Aberdeen to 19.6 in Dundee and 20.6 in Greenock. The death-rate from the principal infectious diseases averaged 1.5 per 1,000 in these towns, the highest rates being recorded in Glasgow and Leith. The 296 deaths registered in Glasgow included 8 which were referred to measles, 4 to diphtheria, 10 to whooping-cough, and 5 to diarrhoea. Three fatal cases of measles and 3 of diarrhoea were recorded in Edinburgh; and 2 of measles in Dundee.

### HEALTH OF IRISH TOWNS.

DURING the week ending Saturday, April 14th, 458 births and 406 deaths were registered in six of the principal Irish towns, as against 534 births and 389 deaths in the preceding period. The annual death-rate in these towns, which had been 23.6, 26.6, and 21.2 per 1,000 in the three preceding weeks, fell to 20.4 per 1,000 in the week under notice, this figure being 3.3 per 1,000 higher than the mean annual rate in the seventy-six English towns for the corresponding period. The figures ranged from 7.8 in Waterford and 17.4 in Londonderry to 24.1 in Belfast and 28.7 in Limerick. The zymotic death-rate in the same six Irish towns averaged 0.7 per 1,000, or 0.3 per 1,000 lower than during the preceding period, the highest figure—2.5—being recorded in Belfast, while no deaths under this heading were recorded in Cork, Limerick, or Waterford. Whooping-cough was responsible for 17 deaths, 13 of them occurring in Belfast.

During the week ending Saturday, April 21st, 538 births and 425 deaths were registered in six of the principal Irish towns as against 458 births and 406 deaths in the preceding period. The annual death-rate in these towns, which had been 26.6, 21.2, and 20.4 per 1,000 in the three preceding weeks, fell to 17.3 per 1,000 in the week under notice, this figure being the same as the mean annual rate in the seventy-six English towns for the corresponding period. The figures ranged from 7.8 in Waterford and 11.2 in Londonderry to 24.9 in Belfast and 28.1 in Dublin. The zymotic death-rate in the same six Irish towns averaged 1.1 per 1,000, or 0.4 per 1,000 higher than during the preceding period, the highest figure—3.5—being recorded in Belfast. To whooping-cough 22 deaths were ascribed, all but 1 occurring in Belfast.

# Naval and Military Appointments.

### ROYAL NAVY MEDICAL SERVICE.

THE following appointments have been made at the Admiralty: J. JENKINS, Fleet Surgeon, to the *Hood*, on recommissioning, April 21st; G. T. COLLINGWOOD, Fleet Surgeon, to the *President*, additional, for three months' hospital course, to date April 12th; C. J. E. COCK, Staff Surgeon, to the *Thetis*, to date April 19th, and to the *Perseus*, on recommissioning, undated; H. H. PEARSE, Staff Surgeon, to the *Vernon*, additional, for the *Furious*, and W. K. HOPKINS, Staff Surgeon, to the *Victory*, for Portsmouth Dockyard, to date April 19th; G. S. DAVIDGE, Surgeon, to the *Thetis*, on the *Perseus* paying off, undated; E. P. G. CAUSTON, Surgeon, to the *Pembroke*, for disposal; W. N. L. CHERRY, Surgeon, to Royal Marine Division, Chatham, to date April 11th; J. SUGRUE, M.D., Fleet Surgeon, to the *Resolution*, recommissioning, undated; G. E. KENNEDY, Fleet Surgeon, to the *Queen*, E. ST. M. NEPEAN, Fleet Surgeon to the *Empress of India*, both on recommissioning; J. BRADLEY, M.D., Fleet Surgeon, to the *Royal Oak*, vice Kennedy; W. G. STOTT, M.B., Fleet Surgeon, to the *Acheron*, vice Burton, all to date May 8th; H. W. MACNAMARA, Fleet Surgeon, to *Euryalus*, on recommissioning, May 15th; C. L. W. BUNTON, M.B., Staff Surgeon, to the *Triumph*, on recommissioning, May 8th; H. E. TOMLINSON, Staff-Surgeon, to the *Bedford*, vice Stott, May 9th; J. E. PHILLIPS, Staff Surgeon, to the *Royal Arthur*, on recommissioning, May 15th; R. L. DICKENSON, Surgeon, to the *Pembroke*, April 11th; and A. G. EASTMENT, Surgeon, to the *Pembroke*, April 19th, both for disposal. The appointment of Fleet-Surgeon W. J. COLBORNE to the *Russell* has been cancelled, and he has been appointed to the *Hogue*, on recommissioning, undated; J. H. ACHESON, M.B., Fleet-Surgeon, to the *Russell*, on recommissioning, April 21st; E. SUTTON, Staff Surgeon, to the *St. George*, on recommissioning, May 15th; E. S. TUCK, Staff Surgeon, to the *President*, additional, for three months' course at Guy's Hospital, April 23rd; N. H. MUMMERY, Surgeon, to the *Latona*, April 18th; J. VERDON, Surgeon, to the *Hyacinth*; M. T. MALF, M.B., Surgeon, to the *Russell*, both on recommissioning, April 21st; F. L. J. M. DE VERTEUIL, Surgeon, to the *Hogue*, on completing, May 15th; G. E. HAMILTON, M.B., Surgeon, to the *Vengeance*, on completing; W. N. HORSFALL, M.B., Surgeon, to the *Euryalus*, on recommissioning, both May 15th; F. J. GOWANS, M.B., Surgeon, to the *Triumph*; A. D. SPALDING, Surgeon, to the *Queen*, both on recommissioning, and W. L. HAWKINS, Surgeon, to the *Leda*, vice Gowans, all dated May 8th; C. A. G. PHILIPS, Surgeon, lent to the *Trafalgar*, April 16th.

Staff Surgeon E. MARSHALL has been appointed to the *President*, additional, for study at the West London Hospital, and not to the *Pembroke*, additional, as stated in our issue for April 7th.

### THE GRENADIER GUARDS.

BRIGADE-SURGEON-LIEUTENANT-COLONEL CHARLES EDWARD HARRISON, M.B., of the Grenadier Guards, is appointed President of a Medical Board to examine Militia and Yeomanry candidates for commissions in the regular forces in London on May 7th and 8th.

### INDIAN MEDICAL SERVICE.

THE services of Lieutenant-Colonel Sir R. H. CHARLES, K.C.V.O., M.D., Bengal Establishment, Surgeon in India to the Prince of Wales, are placed at the disposal of the Home Office, from March 20th.

Lieutenant-Colonel H. THOMSON has been confirmed in appointment of Sanitary Commissioner, Madras, from April 29th.

Lieutenant-Colonel W. F. THOMAS is appointed to act as District Medical and Sanitary Officer, with medical charge of Central Gaol, Trichinopoly.

## CHANGES OF STATIONS.

**THE following changes of stations amongst the officers of the Royal Army Medical Corps have been officially reported to have taken place during March, 1906:**

| | FROM | TO |
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| Colonel R. H. Forman, M.B. | Woolwich | India. |
| Lieut.-Col. J. R. Dodd, M.B. | Mhow | Bareilly. |
| ,, S. Townsend, M.D. | Wellington | Dover. |
| ,, B. T. McCreery, M.B. | Secunderabad. | Bangalore. |
| ,, C. W. Thiele, M.B. | ,, | Bellary. |
| ,, W. L. Reade | — | Bangalore. |
| ,, J. Carmichael | Mian Mir | Jullundur. |
| ,, W. Dick, M.B. | Dover | Edinburgh. |
| ,, F. H. Treherne | Nowshera | Rawul Pindi. |
| ,, J. M. Irwin, M.B. | Aldershot | London. |
| ,, R. Kirkpatrick, C.M.G., M.D. | Jullundur | Lichfield. |
| ,, Sir A. A. Brooke-Pechell, Bart., M.B. | Portsmouth | London Dist. |
| ,, T. W. Hamilton, C.M.G., M.B. | Shorncliffe | Aldershot. |
| ,, J. R. Stuart, M.B. | Fort George | India. |
| ,, T. B. Winter | Eastern Comd. | Meerut. |
| ,, S. F. Freyer, C.M.G. | — | Secunderabad. |
| ,, E. Davis | Ambala | Nowshera. |
| ,, J. Meek, M.D. | Tower of Lond. | India. |
| ,, G. Cree | Bellary | Wellington. |
| ,, T. G. Lavie | ,, | Thayetmyo. |
| Major E. Eckersley, M.B. | — | Simla. |
| ,, D. M. O'Callaghan | Norwich | Colchester. |
| ,, E. S. Marder | Canterbury | Brighton. |
| ,, R. Holyoake | Ambala | Mian Mir. |
| ,, B. H. Scott | Murree | Rawal Pindi. |
| ,, W. C. Poole, M.B. | Dublin | Cork. |
| ,, D. Stiell, M.D. | Thayetmyo | Rangoon. |
| ,, E. C. Freeman | Colchester | London. |
| ,, W. Hallaran, M.B. | Mian Mir | Amritsar. |
| ,, J. H. E. Austin | Eastern Comd. | Woolwich. |
| ,, L. Way | Allahabad | Cawnpore. |
| ,, F. Smith, D.S.O. | — | Portsmouth. |
| ,, E. E. Powell | Gibraltar | Aldershot. |
| ,, H. A. Bray | — | Bulford. |
| ,, R. F. E. Austin | Chatham | Gravesend. |
| ,, K. M. Cameron, M.B. | Kasauli | Ambala. |
| ,, W. Tibbits, M.B. | Meerut | Delhi. |
| ,, J. E. Carter, M.B. | Dublin | South Africa. |
| Captain S. W. Sweetnam | Warley | Colchester. |
| ,, L. F. Smith, M.B. | — | Chatham. |
| ,, G. T. K. Maurice | Bareilly | Lucknow. |
| ,, E. W. Bliss | — | Portsmouth. |
| ,, J. C. B. Statham | Netley | South Africa. |
| ,, A. H. Waring | — | Mian Mir. |
| ,, F. S. Penny, M.B. | Fort Lahore | Multan. |
| ,, S. de C. O'Grady, M.B. | Limerick | Tipperary. |
| ,, A. H. O. Young | Mullingar | Belfast. |
| ,, G. B. Carter, M.B. | Bangalore | Wellington. |
| ,, C. J. O'Gorman, D.S.O. | Brighton | Dover. |
| ,, R. Selby, M.B. | Woolwich | India. |
| ,, A. E. Thorp | Fort Tregantle | Worcester. |
| ,, J. W. Leake | Chester | Lichfield. |
| ,, D. E. Curme | Thayetmyo | Secunderabad. |
| ,, J. M. Sloan, D.S.O., M.B. | Edinburgh | Maryhill. |
| ,, H. E. M. Douglas, D.S.O. | Calcutta | Simla. |
| ,, T. C. MacKenzie, D.S.O. | Aldershot | Egypt. Army. |
| ,, M. H. Babington | Aldershot | Netley. |
| ,, H. S. Roch | Longmore | Cork. |
| ,, B. F. Wingate | Dover | Canterbury. |
| ,, James M. Buist, M.B. | Northampton | Colchester. |
| ,, F. W. Cotton | Eastern Comd. | Chatham. |
| ,, B. R. Dennis, M.B. | Southern Com. | Gosport |
| ,, W. J. P. Adye-Curran | Fermoy | Kilworth. |
| ,, E. G. Ford, M.B. | York | Manchester. |
| ,, L. M. Purser, M.B. | Eastern Comd. | Chatham. |
| ,, W. Bennett, M.B. | Dublin | Cork. |
| ,, C. H. Straton | Eastern Comd. | Dover. |
| ,, G. Carroll | Cork | Templemore. |
| ,, A. D. Waring, M.B. | — | Belfast. |
| ,, A. F. Weston | Eastern Comd. | Woolwich. |
| ,, F. P. Lauder | Calicut | Edinburgh. |
| ,, A. C. Adderley | Wellington | York. |
| ,, F. H. Hardy | Colchester | Warley. |
| ,, W. J. Waters | Delhi | Meerut. |
| ,, J. H. Brunskill, M.B. | Secunderabad | Thayetmyo. |
| ,, J. W. West, M.B. | Dublin | Newry. |
| ,, A. R. C. Parsons | Malta | Southn. Comd. |
| ,, R. McK. Skinner | Gibraltar | York. |
| ,, G. F. Sheehan | Dublin | Curragh. |
| ,, M. W. Falkner | Muttra | Lucknow. |
| ,, R. N. Woodley | Malta | Dublin. |
| ,, R. V. Cowey | Bangalore | Secunderabad. |
| Lieutenant H. J. Crossley | Wellington | Calicut. |
| ,, R. B. Ainsworth | Secunderabad | Wellington. |
| ,, C. A. J. A. Balck, M.B. | Attock | Rawal Pindi. |
| ,, H. V. Bagshawe | Rangoon | Shwebo. |
| ,, H. G. S. Webb | Peshawar | Mian Mir. |
| ,, R. H. Bridges | Bangalore | Madras. |
| ,, H. T. Stack, M.B. | Lucknow | Sitapur. |
| ,, M. C. Wetherell, M.B. | Rawal Pindi | Attock. |
| ,, F. J. Turner | Colaba | Deolal. |
| ,, M. Sinclair, M.B. | — | Sialkot. |
| ,, R. H. L. Cordner | — | Rawal Pindi. |
| ,, H. St. M. Carter, M.D. | Curragh | Dublin. |
| ,, K. A. C. Doig | Bareilly | Shahjahanpur. |
| ,, H. O. M. Beadnell | Mian Mir | Fort Lahore. |
| ,, J. P. Lynch | Calcutta | Barrackpore. |
| ,, R. J. B. Buchanan | Curragh | Mauritius. |
| ,, W. S. Nealor | Aldershot | India. |
| ,, J. E. Hoar | Alton | Secunderabad. |
| ,, W. Parsons | Secunderabad | Bangalore. |
| ,, C. W. O'Brien | — | Peshawur. |
| ,, G. G. Tabuteau | — | Jhansi. |
| ,, W. E. Humfrey | — | Belgaum. |
| ,, W. G. Maydon, M.B. | Meerut | Lebong. |
| ,, G. Ormrod, M.B. | — | Meerut. |
| ,, A. E. S. Irvine | Curragh | Dublin. |
| ,, J. S. Dunne | Aldershot | Deepcut. |
| ,, H. Stewart, M.B. | Curragh | Dublin. |

Orders have been given for the transfer on May 1st to the Northern Command of the Lichfield (Militia Company of the Royal Army Medical Corps) and the Sherwood Foresters and Staffordshire Volunteer Bearer Companies.

### ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS.

LIEUTENANT-COLONEL H. SCOTT, M.B., retired pay, and Lieutenant-Colonel R. H. HALL, M.D., have been appointed Medical Officers in the London Recruiting Area.

Captain A. C. LUPTON, from Newcastle-on-Tyne, has been appointed to the 1st Life Guards.

Lieutenant L. BOUSFIELD, M.B., now at Malta, has been selected for employment with the Egyptian Army.

The following Indian appointments in the Eastern Command have been made to the command of the various hospitals specified: Lieutenant-Colonel W. E. BERRYMAN, to Muttra; Lieutenant-Colonel M. J. SEXTON, Chakrata; Major J. B. BUCHANAN, M.B., Barrackpore; Major J. DONALDSON, Agra; Major A. J. LUTHER, Landour; Major S. H. WITHERS, M.B., Chaubuttia; Major W. TIBBITS, M.B., Delhi; and Captain B. S. BARTLETT, to Fort Allahabad.

In the Western Command, Lieutenant-Colonel G. F. GUBBIN has been posted to the Bombay Brigade; Captain M. F. FOULDS, from the Jubbulpore Brigade, has also been posted to the Bombay Brigade.

### ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS (MILITIA).

MR. ROBERT JOHNSTONE STIRLING is appointed to be Lieutenant, under date April 11th.

### VOLUNTEER RIFLES.

SURGEON-MAJOR J. P. ELLIOT, of the 1st Northumberland Fusiliers, is granted the rank of Honorary Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel. Surgeon-Major and Honorary Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel J. P. ELLIOT resigns his commission, with permission to retain his rank and to wear the prescribed uniform.

SURGEON-LIEUTENANT-COLONEL FREDERICK W. GIBBON, V.D., of the Tyne Division, Submarine Miners, Royal Engineers, and Surgeon Lieutenant EDWARD CURETON, V.D., M.D., of the 1st Shropshire and Staffordshire Royal Garrison Artillery, from Honorary Associates, are appointed to be Knights of Grace in the Order of the Hospital of the St. John of Jerusalem in England, April 18th.

# Vacancies and Appointments.

## VACANCIES.

*This list of vacancies is compiled from our advertisement columns, where full particulars will be found. To ensure notice in this column, advertisements must be received not later than the first post on Wednesday morning.*

BELGRAVE HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN, Clapham Road, S.W.—Senior and Junior Resident Medical Officers. Honorarium at the rate of £20 and £10 a year respectively.

**BIRKENHEAD BOROUGH HOSPITAL.—Junior Resident House-Surgeon. Salary, £80 per annum.**

**BODMIN: CORNWALL COUNTY ASYLUM.—Third Assistant Medical Officer. Salary, £135, rising to £155 per annum.**

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY: PATHOLOGICAL LABORATORY.—John Lucas Walker Studentship. Annual value, £200.

CANTERBURY: KENT AND CANTERBURY HOSPITAL.—House-Physician. Salary, £90 per annum.

**CHARING CROSS HOSPITAL, W.C.—Assistant Physician.**

CITY OF LONDON HOSPITAL FOR DISEASES OF THE CHEST, Victoria Park, E.—(1) Resident Medical Officer. Salary, £100 per annum. (2) Physician to Out-patients. (3) Surgeon-Dentist.

COLCHESTER: ESSEX AND COLCHESTER HOSPITAL.—House-Surgeon. **Salary, £100 per annum.**

COVENTRY AND WARWICKSHIRE HOSPITAL.—Junior House-Surgeon. Salary at the rate of £60 per annum.

DEVONPORT: ROYAL ALBERT HOSPITAL.—Resident Medical Officer. Salary, £100 per annum.

DOUGLAS: NOBLE'S ISLE OF MAN HOSPITAL AND DISPENSARY.—Resident House-Surgeon. Salary, £80 per annum.

**EVELINA HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN, Southwark, S.E.—Surgeon to Out-patients.**

**HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN, Great Ormond Street, W.C.—House-Surgeon. Salary, £20 for six months, and £2 10s. washing allowance.**

HULL ROYAL INFIRMARY. — House Physician. Salary, 80 guineas per annum.

IPSWICH: EAST SUFFOLK AND IPSWICH HOSPITAL.—Third House-Surgeon. Salary, £50 per annum.

ITALIAN HOSPITAL, Queen Square, W.C.—Honorary Assistant Physician.

**LEICESTER INFIRMARY.—Assistant Surgeon.**

LONDON MEDICAL MISSION, Endell Street, W.C.—Assistant Medical Officer.

METROPOLITAN ASYLUMS BOARD.—Male Assistant Medical Officers at the Fever and Small-pox Hospitals. Salary, £180, rising to £240, per annum.

**MONTROSE ROYAL ASYLUM.—Senior Assistant Medical Officer. Salary commencing at £200 per annum.**

MOUNT VERNON HOSPITAL FOR CONSUMPTION AND DISEASES OF THE CHEST, Hampstead.—Resident Medical Officer. Honorarium, £50 per annum.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE: CITY ASYLUM, Gosforth.—Assistant Medical Officer. Salary, £140, rising to £160, per annum.

**NEWPORT AND MONMOUTHSHIRE HOSPITAL.—Junior Resident Medical Officer. Salary, £70 per annum.**

**OLDHAM INFIRMARY.—Junior House-Surgeon. Salary, £75 per annum.**

OXFORD: LITTLEMORE PAUPER LUNATIC ASYLUM.—Second Assistant Medical Officer. Salary, £120, rising to £150 per per annum.

**PLYMOUTH: SOUTH DEVON AND EAST CORNWALL HOSPITAL.—Assistant House-Surgeon. Salary at the rate of £50 per annum.**

ROYAL DENTAL HOSPITAL, Leicester Square, W.C.—Assistant Dental Surgeon.

SHEFFIELD UNION HOSPITAL.—(1) Resident Medical Officer. (2) Resident Assistant Medical Officer. Salary, £100 and £80 per annum respectively, and £20 allowance each for extra services.

WARRINGTON INFIRMARY AND DISPENSARY.—Junior House-Surgeon. Salary, £100 per annum.

WESTERN GENERAL DISPENSARY, Marylebone Road, N.W.—Honorary Surgeon.

WEST BROMWICH DISTRICT HOSPITAL.—Resident Assistant House Surgeon. Salary, £50 per annum.

WEST LONDON HOSPITAL, Hammersmith Road, W.—(1) Assistant Anaethetist. (2) Second Assistant Anaesthetist. (3) Casualty Surgeon.

WEST RIDING COUNTY COUNCIL.—Male Assistant Medical Officer at Scalebor Park Private Asylum. Salary, £150 per annum.

## APPOINTMENTS.

ANDERSON, Wm., M.B., B.Ch., M.A.Aberd., Ophthalmic Assistant, Registrar, and Tutor, Guy's Hospital.

BERGIN, W. M., M.B., B.S.Lond., Ophthalmic Assistant, Registrar, and Tutor, Guy's Hospital, S.E.

HARNETT, W. G., B.A., M.B., B.Ch.Dub., B.A.O., Senior House Surgeon to the Royal South Hants and Southampton Hospital.

HOWARD-JONES, J., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.Lond., Certifying Factory Surgeon for the Worthen District, co. Salop.

JAMES, W. T., M.B., Ch.B.Edin., Medical Officer of Health, New Quay Urban District, Cardiganshire.

JONES, H. Travers, M.R.C.S.Eng., L.R.C.P., Resident Medical Officer to the Hospital for Epilepsy and Paralysis, Maida Vale.

LEGG, J. P., F.R.C.S., Assistant Surgeon to the Italian Hospital, Queen Square, W.C.

LEWIS, Arthur J., M.B., Ch.B., House-Surgeon to the Edinburgh Royal Maternity Hospital.

LONGRIDGE, C. Nepean, M.D.Vict., F.R.C.P.Lond., M.R.C.S.Eng., Registrar and Pathologist to Queen Charlotte's Lying-in Hospital.

LYSTER, R. A., M.B., B.Ch., B.Sc.(Pub. Health)Birm., D.P.H., Medical Officer of Health, Handsworth Urban District.

MAY, Walter J., L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S., L.D.S., Lecturer on Dental Mechanics to the Royal Dental Hospital of London, Leicester Square, W.C.

PRYCE, H. Vaughan, F.R.C.S.Eng., M.A., M.B., B.C.Cantab., Honorary Anaesthetist to the German Hospital, London.

RICHARDS, P. A. Ellis, F.I.C., F.C.S., Lecturer on Dental Metallurgy to the Royal Dental Hospital of London, Leicester Square, W.C.

ROLSTON, John R., M.R.C.S.Eng., Honorary Ophthalmic Surgeon to the Royal British Female Orphan Asylum, Devonport.

SHERRY, J. J. A., L.R.C.P.and S.Edin., District Medical Officer of the Parish of Islington.

THOMPSON, Herbert P., M.B., Ch.B., House-Surgeon to the Edinburgh Royal Maternity Hospital.

WILLIAMS, D. C. L., L.R.C.P.and S.Edin., Medical Officer of Health, Ludlow Rural District.

WILSON, A. Gordon, M.D.Lond., F.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Honorary Medical Officer of the Kensington Dispensary and Children's Hospital.

WILSON, A. T., M.B., District and Workhouse Medical Officer of the Bridge Union.

YOUNG, W. H. F., M.R.C.S., District Medical Officer of the Grantham Out-relief Union.

## DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

### TUESDAY.

PATHOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF LONDON, meeting at St. Bartholomew's, 5 p.m.—Professor Klein: (1) *B. equi*; (2) Conveyance of Plague by Feeding. Mr. F. A. Rose: Carcino-sarcoma of Larynx. Dr. Andrewes and Dr. Horder: Classification of Pathogenic Streptococci.

### WEDNESDAY.

OBSTETRICAL SOCIETY OF LONDON, 20, Hanover Square, W., 8 p.m.—Short Communication:—Dr. Lewers: Three Cases of Epithelioma of the Vulva, with History subsequent to Operation. Specimens:—Dr. Lewers: Large Fibroid undergoing Red Degeneration. Dr. McCann: (1) Cervical Fibroid; (2) Broad Ligament Cyst with Torsion of the Pedicle; (3) Primary Cancer of the Vagina; (4) Sarcoma of the Vagina. Dr. Tate: Large Fibroid and one other specimen. Dr. J. Inglis Parsons: Fibromyoma of the Vulva in an Unusual Position. Paper:—Dr. Herman: A Case showing (1) Uterine Contraction without Retraction; (2) Prolonged High Temperature of Nervous Origin.

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE HOSPITAL, Gower Street, W.C., 4 p.m.—Clinical Lecture on the Physical Examination of the Heart and Great Vessels.

### THURSDAY.

NORTH-EAST LONDON CLINICAL SOCIETY, Tottenham Hospital, 4 p.m.—Discussion on Asthma, opened by Dr. E. F. Willoughby.

OPHTHALMOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF THE UNITED KINGDOM, 11, Chandos Street, Cavendish Square, W., 8 p.m.—Card Specimens. 8.30 p.m., Papers: (1) Messrs. Johnson, Taylor, and E. T. Collins: Congenital Malformed Cystic Eye. (2) Mr. Mackenzie Davidson: Radium in the Treatment of Rodent Ulcer. (3) Mr. Ransom Pickard: Implantation Tumour of the Iris. (4) Messrs. Cargill and Mayou: Tuberculosis of Choroid.

### FRIDAY.

SOCIETY FOR THE STUDY OF DISEASE IN CHILDREN, 11, Chandos Street, W., 5.30 p.m.—Pathological Meeting. Specimens will be shown by Mr. G. Pernet, Drs. E. Hobhouse (Brighton), J. G. Emanuel (Birmingham), G. Carpenter, F. Langmead, E. Cautley, L. S. Dudgeon, J. Porter Parkinson, E. C. Mackay, and others.

WEST LONDON MEDICO-CHIRURGICAL SOCIETY, West London Hospital, W., 8.30 p.m.—Discussion on Influenza, its varities and sequelae.

### POST-GRADUATE COURSES AND LECTURES.

MEDICAL GRADUATES' COLLEGE AND POYLCLINIC, 22, Chenies Street, W.C.—The following clinical demonstrations have been arranged for next week at 4 p.m.—Tuesday, Medical; Wednesday, Surgical; Thursday, Surgical; Friday, Throat. Lectures at 5.15 p.m. each day will be given as follows: Tuesday, a Demonstration of Apparatus for Measuring the Blood Pressure in Man; Wednesday, the Prevention of Difficult Labour; Thursday, Surgical Diseases of Children.

NATIONAL HOSPITAL FOR THE PARALYSED AND EPILEPTIC, Queen Square, W.C.—Tuesday, 3.30 p.m., Ataxia in Childhood; Friday, 3.30 p.m., Infantile Hemiplegia.

WEST LONDON HOSPITAL POST-GRADUATE COLLEGE, Hammersmith Road, W.—The following arrangements have been made for next week: Daily, 2.15 p.m., Medical and Surgical Clinics. Monday, 2 p.m., Practical Skiagraphy; 12.15 p.m., Practical Surgery; 4 p.m., Ophthalmology; Tuesday, 11.30 a.m., Bacteriology; Wednesday, 10 a.m., Clinical Examination of Blood and Urine; 3 p.m., Intestinal Surgery; Thursday, 11.30 a.m., Bacteriology; 12.15 p.m., Practical Surgery; 2 p.m., Skiagraphy; 4 p.m., Ophthalmology; Friday, 11.30 a.m., Bacteriology; 3 p.m., Intestinal Surgery.

## BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS.

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### BIRTHS.

CHANING PEARCE.—On the 19th April, at 88, St. James's Road, West Croydon, the wife of Dr. A. Chaning Pearce, of a daughter.

MARSHALL.—At 25, Chester Street, Edinburgh, on the 12th inst., the wife of Major D. G. Marshall, I.M.S. (ret.), of a son.

PRICHARD.—On April 21st, at Pyllan, Bettws-y-Coed, the wife of D. Llewelyn Prichard, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., of a daughter.

### MARRIAGES.

BARBER—HOWLETT.—On the 24th inst., at St. George's, Tombland, Norwich, by the Rev. W. F. Crewe, Vicar, Hugh Barber, M.D.Lond., son of Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Barber, of Sheffield, to Ethel Mary, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Howlett, of 36, Brecondale, Norwich.

DAY—WILLIAMS.—On the 21st inst., at St. George's, Stonehouse, Plymouth, by the Rev. J. Gand, assisted by the Rev. Nicholson Watson, Vicar of St. George's, and the Rev. Walter Moyle, Vicar of Ashcombe, Dawlish, William Frank Lydstone Day, M.B., B.C. Cantab., youngest son of the late Robert Newcombe Day, of Harlow, Essex, and Dorothy Esther Katherine Williams, youngest daughter of F. M. Williams, Medical Officer of Health for Plymouth.

ELLIS—BARNES.—On the 18th April, 1906, at St. Mary's Church, Kippington, near Sevenoaks, Kent, by the Rev. H. Percy Thompson, M.A., assisted by the Rev. H. T. Knight, M.A., Leonard Erasmus Ellis, M.D.Brux., M.R.C.S.Eng., L.R.C.P.Lond., L.S.A.Lond., of Clarendon Park, Leicester, to Evelyn le Hunte, only daughter of J. F. E. Barnes, Esq., C.M.G., M.I.C.E., of Pietermaritzburg, Natal.

HEARDER—STEWART.—On April 18th, at St. Issell's, Saundersfoot, Frederic Pollington Hearder, M.D., of Whixley, Yorkshire, to Catherine Frances, third daughter of Alexander Stewart, of Saundersfoot, Wales, and late of the War Office.

MOYLE—KENDALL.—April 21st, at the Parish Church, Kingswear, S. Devon, by the Rev. F. Walker, Reginald Moyle, M.R.C.S.Eng., L.R.C.P.Lond., second son of J. Alfred Moyle, Esq., Brook Totnes, S. Devon, to Elliner Mary (May), only child of W. B. Kendall, M.R.C.S.Eng., L.R.C.P.Ed., Greenheys, Kingswear.

SCATCHARD—MILNE.—On April 19th, at St. Lawrence's, York, by the Rev. George Allen, M.A., father of the bride, assisted by the Rev. J. Harper, M.A., Vicar of the parish, James Percival Scatchard, M.B., B.S.Lond., of Tadcaster, to Florence Mary Milne, of Burnedge House, Rochdale.

WEBB—THOMPSON.—On April 23rd, at St. Georges's Church, Jesmond, Newcastle-on-Tyne, Samuel George Webb, M.B., B.S., of Birmingham, to Edith Agnes Thompson, daughter of William Thompson, of Newcastle-on-Tyne. At home, 221, Bloomsbury Street, Birmingham, June 7th and 8th.

YOUNG—WALTON-BROWNE.—April 18th, at St. George's Parish Church, Belfast, by the Rev. Hugh Davis Murphy, M.A., D.D., Rector of the Parish, and the Rev. John Francis Cole, M.A., Captain A. H. O. Young, Royal Army Medical Corps, eldest son of Captain Young, Portarlington, late 60th Rifles, to Dorothy, daughter of Dr. J. Walton-Browne, Lismore, Windsor Avenue, Belfast.

### DEATH.

BUCHANAN.—At Balanton, Stirling, on the 19th inst., George Buchanan, M.A., M.D., LL.D., aged 79, Emeritus Professor of Clinical Surgery, Glasgow University.

## BOOKS, ETC., RECEIVED.

A Handbook of Anatomy for Art Students. By A. Thomson, M.A., M.B. Third Edition. Oxford: Clarendon Press. 1906. 16s.

Studies from Institute for Medical Research, Federated Malay States. Vol. 4, Part I, Observations in the Federated Malay States on Beri-beri. By C. W. Daniels, M.B., M.R.C.S. London: E. G. Berryman and Sons. 1906. 3s. 6d.

Traité d'Hygiène. Publié en Fascicules sous la direction de MM. P. Brouardel et E. Mosny. X, Hygiène Naval. Par A. Duchateau, Jan, et Planté. Paris: J. B. Baillière et Fils. 1906. Fr.7.50.

Éléments d'électrothérapié clinique. Par A. Zimmern. Paris: Masson et Cie. 1906. Fr.8.

Insidie alla vita. Por Dott. T. Ruata. Torino: Unione Tipografico-editrice. 1906. L.2.50.

Transactions of the American Climatological Association, 1905. Vol. XXI. Detroit: American Climatological Association. 1905.

Beiträge zur Lehre von den Geschlechts-Unterschieden. Heft 11-12. Die Geschlechter der Thiere. III Theil. Der Schädel. Von Dr. P. J. Möbius. Halle a. S.: C. Marhold. 1906. M.2.

Report to the Government of British Honduras upon the Outbreak of Yellow Fever in that Colony in 1905. By R. Boyce, M.B., F.R.S. London: J. and A. Churchill. 1906. 3s. 6d.

Klinische und anatomische Untersuchungen über den Cretinismus. Von Dr. W. Scholz. Berlin: A. Hirschwald. 1906. M.14.

Vivisection: Doubtfully Useful and Certainly Wrong. By J. P. Hopps. London: Henderson's. 6d.

A First German Course for Science Students. By H. G. Fiedler and F. E. Sandbach. London: The de la More Press. 1906. 2s. 6d.

Problems of Babyhood. By R. K. Fitz, A.M., and G. W. Fitz, M.D. New York: H. Holt and Co. 1906.

From Farm to Forum, or Young Africa. By A. H. Watkins. Capetown: J. C. Juta and Co. 1906. 3s.

Handbook of Surgery. By G. B. Buchanan B.A., M.B., C.M., F.F.P.S. Edinburgh: J. Currie. 1906. 9s.

Scientific Memoirs by Officers of the Medical and Sanitary Departments of the Government of India. Mediterranean Fever in India: Isolation of the *Micrococcus melitensis*. By Captain G. Lamb, M.D., I.M.S., and Assistant Surgeon M. Kesava Pai, M.B., C.M. New series, No. 22. Calcutta: Office of the Superintendent of Government Printing. 1906. 1s.

Glasgow: F. Bauermeister; and Wiesbaden: F. J. Bergmann, 1906:

Atmokausis und Zestokausis die Behandlung mit hochgespanntem Wasserdampf in der Gynaekologie. Von Dr. L. Pincus. Zweite Auflage. 6s.

Mikroskopie der Harnsedimente. Von Dr. A. Daiber. Zweite Auflage. 12s. 8d.

Die anatomischen Namen, ihre Ableitung und Aussprache. Von Dr. H. Triepel. 2s.

Physiologisches Praktikum für Mediziner. Von Dr. med. R. F. Fuchs. 7s. 6d.

Immunität und Dispostion und ihre experimentellen Grundlagen. Von Dr. M. Jacoby. 4s. 8d.

Die Elektrizität in der Medizin und Biologie. Von Prof. Dr. med. H. Boruttau. 6s.

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# CALENDAR OF THE ASSOCIATION.

| Date. | Meetings to be Held. |
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| **APRIL.** | |
| 27 FRIDAY | HAMPSTEAD DIVISION, *Metropolitan Counties Branch*, Finchley, 5 p.m.<br>ST. PANCRAS AND ISLINGTON DIVISION, *Metropolitan Counties Branch*, St. Pancras Infirmary, Pancras Road, N.W., 4 p.m. |
| 28 SATURDAY | |
| 29 Sunday | |
| 30 MONDAY | |
| **MAY.** | |
| 1 TUESDAY | |
| 2 WEDNESDAY | SOUTH-EASTERN OF IRELAND BRANCH Victoria Hotel, Kilkenny, 12 noon. |
| 3 THURSDAY | CITY DIVISION, *Metropolitan Counties Branch*, Woodchester, 208, Upper Clapton, N.E., 9 p.m.<br>LAMBETH DIVISION, *Metropolitan Counties Branch*, Camberwell Infirmary, Brunswick Square, 4 p.m.<br>SWANSEA DIVISION, *South Wales and Monmouthshire Branch*, Annual Meeting, General Hospital, Swansea, 3 p.m.<br>WANDSWORTH DIVISION, *Metropolitan Counties Branch*, Bolingbroke Hospital, 4 p.m.<br>WESTMINSTER DIVISION, *Metropolitan Counties Branch*, 20, Hanover Square, W., 8.30 p.m. |
| 4 FRIDAY | LONDON: Ethical Committee, 2 p.m.<br>" Volunteer Medical Service Committee, 2.30 p.m.<br>BORDER COUNTIES BRANCH, Keswick. |
| 5 SATURDAY | HAMPSTEAD DIVISION, *Metropolitan Counties Branch*, Conference on the Management of the Hampstead General Hospital, Hampstead Conservatoire, 4.30 p.m.<br>ULSTER BRANCH, Spring Meeting, Derry. |
| 6 Sunday | |

| Date. | Meetings to be Held. |
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| **MAY** *(continued)*. | |
| 7 MONDAY | |
| 8 TUESDAY | SCOTTISH DIVISION, *Border Counties Branch*, Annual Meeting, Dumfries and Galloway Royal Infirmary.<br>WEST SOMERSET BRANCH, Taunton and Somerset Hospital, 3.45 p.m. |
| 9 WEDNESDAY | LONDON: Medico-Political Committee, 3 p.m.<br>CENTRAL DIVISION, *Birmingham Branch*, Medical Institute, 4 p.m. |
| 10 THURSDAY | NORWOOD DIVISION, *South-Eastern Branch*, Queen's Hotel, Upper Norwood, 4 p.m.<br>STAFFORDSHIRE BRANCH, Victoria Hotel, Wolverhampton, 3.30 p.m.; Dinner, 6.30 p.m. |
| 11 FRIDAY | HAMPSTEAD DIVISION, *Metropolitan Counties Branch.* |
| 12 SATURDAY | |
| 13 Sunday | |
| 14 MONDAY | |
| 15 TUESDAY | |
| 16 WEDNESDAY | |
| 17 THURSDAY | CARDIFF DIVISION, *South Wales and Monmouthshire Branch*, Annual Meeting.<br>REIGATE DIVISION, *South-Eastern Branch*, Cottage Hospital, Redhill, 3.30 p.m. |
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